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IW-ER-LT0346

Dear Karen,

### RE: Mitchelstown Waste Water Discharge Licence - Technical Amendment Application D0202-01

The Agency issued a Wastewater Discharge Licence for the Mitchelstown Agglomeration (D0202-01) on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Irish Water now requests a Technical Amendment under Section 33 (1) of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, to amend *Schedule A.3 Storm Water Overflows*, to include 2 No. additional stormwater overflows as follows:-

Licence Code	Discharge Location	Overflow Location	Туре	Name of Receiving Water	WFD Code Receiving Water
SW6-MITC	E 181537 N 113217	Bank Place / Dublin Hill, Mitchelstown	Storm Water Overflow	River Gradogue	IE_SW_18G130200
SW7- MITC	E 181564 N 113203	Ballinwillin, Mitchelstown	Storm Water Overflow	River Gradogue	IE_SW_18G130200

The stormwater overflows (SW6-MITC & SW7-MITC) discharges to the same water body (where the characteristics of the receiving water are comparable, including the proximity of Natura 2000 sites) as the storm water overflows (SW2-MITC, SW3-MITC & SW5-MITC) which are currently included in WWDL D0202-01.

As detailed within the Inspectors Report (09/06/2010), the Agency noted that there are no discharges from this agglomeration directly into any European site(s) designated under the

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T: +353 1 89 25000 F: +353 1 89 25001 www.water.ie EU Habitats or Birds Directive. The nearest SAC in the vicinity of the agglomeration is the River Blackwater (SAC Site Code 002170) approximately 25km downstream of the discharge points. In the assessment of potential impacts of the discharges from the agglomeration on the River Blackwater SAC the following factors were taken into consideration; the dilution factor of the River Funshion which the River Gradogue discharges to; the biological rating downstream of the WWTP (Q4); and requirements listed in the Wastewater Discharge License (D0202-01) for the agglomeration. It was concluded from the assessment that the discharges from this agglomeration will not have an impact on any European sites designated under the EU Habitats or Birds Directive.

Irish Water reviewed the Storm Water Overflow Assessment undertaken in 2011 and note that the assessment indicate both storm water overflows (SW6-MITC & SW7-MITC) to be fully compliant with the requirements listed in DoE's 'Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows'. The assessment listed both storm water overflows as non-compliant in the 2016 Annual Environment Report (AER). The non-compliance was determined based solely on the construction type and detail of both storm water overflows.

Based on the above, Irish Water consider that the two stormwater overflows (SW6-MITC & SW7-MITC) will not have an negative impact on any European sites designated under the EU Habitats or Birds Directive based on the fact that there is no change to the proximity of the discharges relative to the Natura 2000 sites and these stormwater overflows are compliant with the requirements. Therefore, there is no change to the Appropriate Assessment undertaken for licence application and no change to the potential impacts on the Natura 2000 sites.

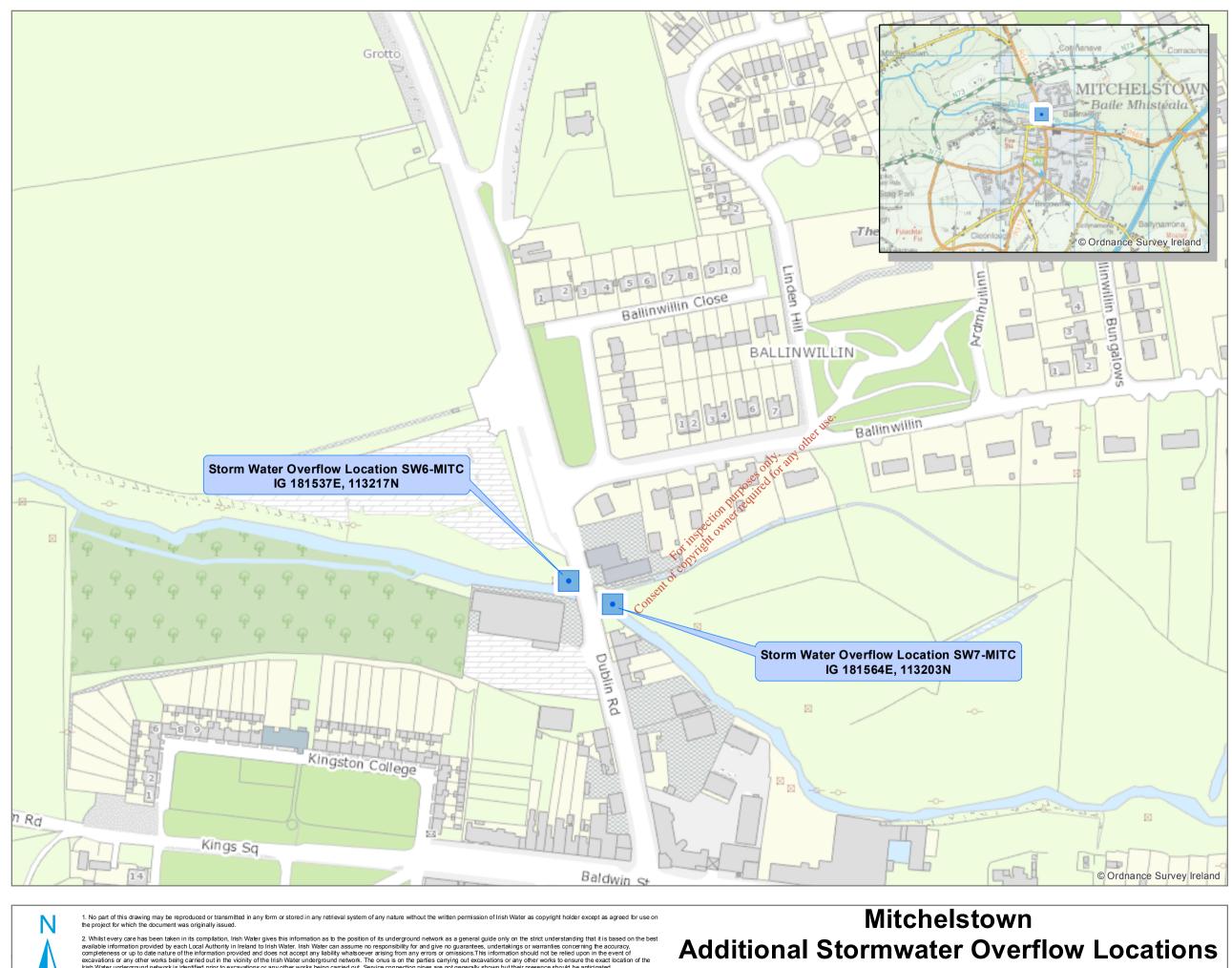
Irish Water has had regard to the EPA's publication EPA Guidance for Irish Water on Requests for Alterations to a Waste Water Discharge Licence or Certificate of Authorisation in compiling this submission for a Technical Amendment.

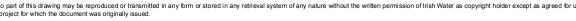
Please find enclosed Map of Stormwater Overflows Location

Best Regards,

Michael Ó'Leary Acting Head of Environmental Regulation Appendix 1. Map of Stormwater Overflows Location

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### Legend



### Additional Storm Water Overflow

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