

Extract from the Minutes of the 1024th Licensing Meeting of the Agency was held on 20 October 2020, in EPA Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford

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Directors Present: L Burke (Chair);
G O’Leary, E Cotter, T Ryan & C McMahon.

4. **Application for a Technical Amendment to a Waste Water Discharge Licence**

Licensee: **Irish Water
Colvill House
24/26 Talbot Street
Dublin 1**

Agglomeration: **Middleton**
Register of Licence No: **D0056-01**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Environmental Sustainability that the Agency refuse a Technical Amendment to a Waste Water Discharge Licence. The following documentation was submitted: Report of the Inspector dated 15 October 2020; and a clarification Memorandum dated 19 October 2020.

Marie O’Connor, Ann Marie Donlon and Karen Creed gave verbal presentations.

Inspector’s Reports

The Directors noted the Inspector’s report, the recommendation and the clarification Memorandum.

The Directors also noted the following:

- Irish Water confirmed that there was no proposed increase in population equivalent from the agglomeration.
- The contents of the *EPA Guidance for Irish Water on Requests for Alterations to a Waste Water Discharge Licence or Certificate of Authorisation*
- The requirements of Regulation 5 (1A), 18(6) and 33 (1)(c) of the Waste Water Discharge Authorisation Regulations 2007 to 2020.

Having regard to the clarification Memorandum which notes that the proposed change to the agglomeration will not result in an increase in the PE (population equivalent) of 18,742 to which the original application relates, the Directors concluded, based on a preliminary examination, that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed amendment and that an EIA is not required.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken by the Agency to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on any European Site. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites at Cork Harbour SPA and Great Island Channel SAC.

The activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site and the Agency considered, for the reason set out below, that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in

combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European Site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity was not required:

- The proposed amendment does not result in the Midleton agglomeration having a population equivalent higher than the population equivalent in respect of which this licence was granted. Consequently, there is no material change to the discharges from the waste water works to which the licence relates.

Following discussion, the Directors decided to grant Irish Water's request for a technical amendment to their licence for the agglomeration at Midleton, Register of Licence No D0056-01.

The Directors instructed that the technical amendment amends condition 1.2 under Regulation 33(1) (c) as follows:

'The agglomeration is the area outlined in red on Drawing titled Midleton Agglomeration Boundary TA Application D0056-01 received on the 14th September 2020. Any reference in this licence to agglomeration shall mean the area thus outlined in red. The population equivalent for this agglomeration is limited to 18,742.'