

EIA Screening Determination

The Agency has, as part of its consideration of the wastewater licence review application referenced below, determined whether the application should be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency. The determination, and the reasons for the determination, are detailed below.

As the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2020 do not provide for transitional arrangements for waste water discharge applications on-hand, the Agency is directly applying the EIA Directive and has carried out EIA screening.

Licence Application Details:

Reg No.	D0332-02
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Agglomeration:	Millstreet & Environs
Licence Application Date:	13/09/2019
Date of EIA Screening Determination:	29/09/2020

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EIA, as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency, is not required for the authorisation to which the above licence application relates.

Having considered the information provided by the applicant, which satisfies the requirements of Annex II A of the EIA Directive (in so far as it respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency) and the mitigation measures proposed by the applicant, the authorisation is unlikely to give rise to significant effects on the environment by virtue of its nature, size or location. This determination has been made having regard to the following:

1. The wastewater discharge authorisation application is not of a project type specified in Annex I of the EIA Directive and;
2. The wastewater treatment plant serves an agglomeration with a population equivalent <10,000 which is considered small in scale.
3. Wastewater is treated prior to discharge to the receiving water.
4. With regard to European sites, the potential effects of discharges on European Sites and their water dependant qualifying interests will be assessed under the Habitats Directive (Appropriate Assessment).

5. The cumulative effect with other existing and planned discharges are not likely to give rise to significant effects.



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