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Re: Youghal Wastewater Discharge Licence Review Application D0139-02

Dear Inspector,

Irish Water would like to provide the Agency with an update on the Youghal Waste Water Discharge Licence Review application, which was submitted to the Agency on 20 March 2020.

To support the licence review application a Marine Modelling Study was commissioned to assess the impact of discharges of treated wastewater from the Youghal Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP) to the tidal River Blackwater Estuary.

The results of the Marine Modelling Study have been used in preparing a draft Natura Impact Statement, which is likely to conclude that the treated discharge to the Dunn's Park Discharge location will not give rise to adverse effects on the integrity of the Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC, Ballymacoda (Clonpriest and Pillmore) SAC, Blackwater Estuary SPA, Ballymacoda Bay SPA, Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA or any European site. In particular, the Marine Modelling Study confirms that the use of the Dunn's Park Discharge location (SW000) will not result in the deterioration of water quality in the River Blackwater estuary.

As these assessments appear to confirm that the use of Dunn's Park is suitable as a permanent discharge location, it is the intention of Irish Water to provide the High Court with an update within the next 14 days, following which Irish Water intends to formally withdraw the above referenced review application. Irish Water will then submit a new licence review application.

Yours sincerely,



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