

EIA Screening Determination

The Agency has, as part of its consideration of the Waste Water Discharge Authorisation (WWDA) review application referenced below, determined whether the application should be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The determination, and the main reasons for the determination, are detailed below.

Application Details:

Reg No.	D0297-02
Applicant Name:	Castletownbere
Location of agglomeration:	Cork
Authorisation Type	Licence
Authorisation Application Date:	19 February 2021
Date of EIA Screening Determination:	26 August 2021

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There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development comprising or for the purposes of a waste water discharge and EIA is not required for the authorisation to which the above application relates.

This determination has been made following an examination of the nature, size and location of the development, having considered the information provided by the applicant and having regard to the requirements of Regulation 18(10)(a) of the European Union (Waste Water Discharge) Regulations 2007 to 2020.

The main reasons and considerations on which this determination is based are as follows:

1. The limited scale of the waste water discharges from the wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater treatment plant serves an agglomeration with a population equivalent (p.e) of 2,169 which is significantly below the 10,000 p.e. mandatory threshold for EIA.
2. Residential wastewater is the largest contributor to the waste water treatment plant and is readily biodegradable.
3. Waste water is treated prior to discharge to the receiving water in settlement tanks and a sludge management system.
4. With regard to European sites, the potential effects the discharges may have on European Sites and their qualifying interests will be assessed under the Habitats Directive (Appropriate Assessment).
5. If a revised waste water discharge licence is granted for the Castletownbere agglomeration, the emission limit values set in the licence will be established according

to the combined approach and will contribute to the achievement of the environmental objectives and environmental quality standards for the receiving waterbody.

6. The cumulative effects with other existing discharges are not likely to give rise to significant effects on the environment.

Submissions on a WWDA review application can be made before an authorisation is granted. Information on the public participation process is available on the Agency's website at www.epa.ie.



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