

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.	A0349-02
Applicant Name:	Uisce Éireann
Location of Agglomeration:	Inchigeelagh, Co. Cork
Authorisation Type	Certificate of Authorisation
Authorisation Application Date:	10 December 2021
Date of EIA Screening Determination:	19 March 2024

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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.

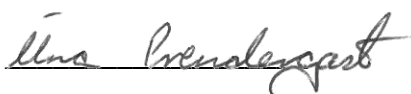
This determination has been made following an examination of the nature, size and location of the development, having considered the information provided by the applicant and having regard to the requirements of Regulation 25(7)(a) of the European Union (Waste Water Discharge) Regulations 2007 to 2020.

The main reasons and considerations, with reference to the relevant criteria listed in Schedule 7 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, on which this determination is based are as follows:

1. The limited scale of the waste water discharges from the wastewater treatment plants. The wastewater treatment plants are designed to a p.e of 292 and 90 which are significantly below the 10,000 p.e. mandatory threshold for EIA.
2. Domestic waste water is the largest contributor to the waste water treatment plants and is readily biodegradable.
3. The new treatment plant provides secondary treatment of waste water prior to discharge to the River Lee.
4. The provision of stormwater storage and screened overflows.
5. The development includes measures to prevent unintended discharges.

6. The potential effects of the waste water discharges, including cumulative effects, on WFD status and environmental objectives including standards and objectives associated with protected areas will be considered and should a waste water discharge authorisation be granted for the agglomeration, controls will be set to contribute to meeting the objectives for the receiving waterbody.
7. There are no designated bathing waters in the vicinity likely to be affected by the discharges.
8. 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).

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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