

Ringsend WWTP Upgrade Project - SID Application
Thursday 12th July 2018
Meeting with Sandymount and Merrion Association (SAMRA)
Sandymount Hotel 11am-12pm



DATE HELD : 12 July 2018	ISSUED BY : Callista Brien
DATE ISSUED : 17 July 2018	
RECORDED BY : Callista Brien	
PARTICIPANTS :	
Irish Water	SAMRA
Niall Riordan (NR)	Joan MacArthur (JMA)
Dara White (DW)	David Turner (DT)
Callista Brien (CB)	Lorna Kelly (LK)
Ross Kinsella (JB Barry)(RK)	

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1.0	DT welcomed the meeting and inquired if meetings with any other community groups were being held. CB advised that when the application was lodged, IW wrote to all stakeholders who had participated in the 2016 consultation, advising of the application and that to date SAMRA were the only community organisation to request a meeting. DT advised that SAMRA were in the process of updating their website and requested that his email be used for communications for the moment rather than the info address on the website.		
2.0	RK provided an overview, as detailed in Vol. 2, Section 1 of the recent application for strategic infrastructure development to An Bord Pleanála for the Proposed Development along with an overview of the Proposed Upgrade Project that was assessed as part of the completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement. LK welcomed the omission of the previously permitted long sea outfall from the application - RK advised that a comparison of the long sea outfall, and other options, is presented in Consideration of Alternatives section (Vol. 2 Section 4)		
3.0	RK showed the site layout and the location of the construction compounds (detailed in figures 3-4, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8 and of Vol 2. Section 3 of the EIAR) LK advised of SAMRA concerns regarding the compound C1. LK advised that SAMRA view the compound as developed by	IW to revert with note on the assessment of C1 in the application	CB 17/07/2018

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	<p>Covanta was more extensive than permitted and that the planning condition on Covanta to return this area to its original condition has not been adhered to.</p> <p>NR advised that IW had made a 146B application to ABP which was approved in January 2018, to use this area as a construction compound for the 400,000 PE extension currently underway and that IW had a lease with Dublin Port Company to utilise the area (shown in Figure 3-4). RK advised that the new SID application submitted on 6th June requested permission to continue to use this compound for the duration of the upgrade works on site. NR advised that the planned construction programme would be up to 2028.</p> <p>LK advised of SAMRA concerns regarding the duration of the works, particularly in addition to the duration that the area was in use by Covanta and advised of her view that this was a long term use rather than short term and requested clarification on what commitments IW would make regarding the reinstatement of this area following the completion of the works.</p> <p>NR and RK advised that in proximity to the Ringsend WWTP there were few areas available for use as a construction compound.</p> <p>DT advised that SAMRA would write to ABP requesting clarification on the conditions of the Covanta permission.</p> <p>CB advised that IW not in a position to comment on the conditions of the Covanta Planning Application. CB advised that IW would provide a note to SAMRA on the assessment of the use of compound C1 in the application.</p>		
4.0	<p>LK requested clarification on the proposed throughput of the plant and what was the maximum loading of the plant.</p> <p>DW advised that the plant was designed to deal with an average the daily load of 2.4 million population equivalent. DW explained the difference between hydraulic load and organic load and advised that the Proposed Upgrade Project would enable the plant to deal with an average daily load of 2.4 million population</p>		

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	<p>equivalent and can handle peak loads in excess of this which are normal and expected in any catchment and WWTP</p> <p>LK raised concern about further expansion and overloading of the plant in future.</p> <p>CB advised that an application for a new WWTP and associated infrastructure in North Dublin (GDD Project) had recently been submitted to ABP and that IW's long term plan is to divert part of the existing Ringsend catchment to the proposed plant. (See figure 3-3 in Vol. 2 Section 3)</p> <p>DW explained the project loading graphs (figure 31 in Vol. 2 Section 3) and advised that once the new plant was operational it would enable the Ringsend WWTP to have the capacity to deal with the projected growth in the City.</p> <p>DT enquired if the new zoning in Poolbeg had been accounted for in the IW projections, DW advised that these had.</p>		
5.0	<p>LK and JMA advised that there was a lot of complaints locally about sludge deposits and local overflows in Sandymount Strand. DW advised that some of these issues may be due to network issues and that these would not be addressed by the Proposed Upgrade Project. The Proposed Upgrade Project will bring the Ringsend WWTP into compliance with the EU Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive but would not address the issues on the network. DW advised that DCC had initiated a modelling project of the sewerage network in Dublin that Irish Water have continued. This project has taken 4 years and the extent of the network issues are complex and require considerable investment. DW advised the completion of this process will enable IW to identify the priority projects that will alleviate some of the network issues.</p>	IW would provide a note on this	CB 31/07/2018