Annual Environmental Report

2018

Ballymote

D0094-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0094-01, Ballymote, in Sligo in accordance with the requirements of the wastewater discharge licence for the agglomeration. Specified reports are included as an appendix to the AER as follows:

1.1 Licence specific reporting included in AER

Assessment / Report	Included in AER
No licence specific reports included in the AER	NA

1.2 Treatment Type

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant BALLYMOTE WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 3000. The treatment process includes the following:

1.2.1 BALLYMOTE WWTP

Treatment type	Yes / No	Details
Preliminary Treatment	No	
Primary Treatment	Yes	Screening
Secondary Treatment	Yes	Aeration / Clarification
Nutrient Removal	No	
Tertiary Treatment	No	

The overall compliance of the final effluent with the Emission Limit Values (ELVs) is shown below. More detailed information on the below ELV's can be found in Section 2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration.

1.3 ELV Overview

1.3.1 BALLYMOTE WWTP

Compliance Status	
Were all parameters compliant for BALLYMOTE WWTP treatment plant	No
Where noncompliant see table 2.2.1 for details of parameters	

1.4 Sludge Removal

The amount of sludge removed from the wastewater treatment plant is shown below along with the transported destination of the sludge from the treatment plant.

Treatment Plant	Sludge type	Quantity	Unit	% Dry Solids	Destination
BALLYMOTE WWTP	Liquid Sludge	258.54	Volume (m3)	2.1	D0014-01

Annual Statement of Measures

Upgrade to WwTP expected to commence in Q2 2019.

2 MONITORING REPORTS SUMMARY

2.1 Summary report on monthly influent monitoring

A summary of influent monitoring for the treatment plant is presented in below. This monitoring is primarily undertaken in order to determine the overall efficiency of the plant in removing pollutants from the raw wastewater.

2.1.1 Influent Monitoring Summary - BALLYMOTE WWTP

Parameters	Number of Samples	Annual Max	Annual Mean
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	231	106.2
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	4.8	2.82
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	228	96.35
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	54.3	22.78
COD-Cr mg/l	12	592	294.51
Hydraulic Capacity	0	2473	1325.7

If other inputs in the form of sludge / leachate are added to the WWTP then these are included in Section 3.5 if applicable

Significance of Results:

The annual mean hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2. The annual maximum hydraulic loading is greater than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2.

2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration

2.2.1 Effluent Monitoring Summary - BALLYMOTE WWTP

Parameter	WWDL ELV (Schedule A)	ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included Note 1	Interim % reduction from influent concentration	Number of sample results	Number of exceedences	Number of with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	13	26	0	12	2	0	9.38	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	0.94	Pass
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	0	12	0	0	61.53	Pass
Conductivity 20 C µS/cm	0	0	0	12	0	0	608.13	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.45	0.54	0	12	5	4	0.4	Fail
pH pH units	0	0	0	12	0	0	7.83	Pass
Fats, Oils & Greases mg/l	0	0	0	1	0	0	84.2	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.8	1.6	0	12	8	7	5.19	Fail
Temperature °C	25	0	0	12	0	0	9.18	Pass

Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	11.78	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	0	12	2	0	23.92	Pass

Notes:
1– This represents the Emission Limit Values after the Interpretation provided for under Condition 2 of the licence is applied
2 - For parameters where a mean ELV applies

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Plant not designed for nutrient removal

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is not compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence.

There were five exceedances in relation to Ortho-Phosphate ELV, four of which were above the Condition 2 ELV.

There were eight exceedances in relation to Ammonia ELV, seven of which were above the Condition 2 ELV.

The impact on the receiving water is assessed further in Section 2.3.

2.3 Ambient monitoring summary

A summary of monitoring from ambient monitoring points associated with the wastewater discharge is provided in the sections below. For discharges to rivers upstream (U/S) and downstream (D/S) location data is provided. For other ambient points in lakes, coastal or transitional waters, monitoring data from the most appropriate monitoring station is selected.

2.3.1 Ambient Monitoring Report Summary - BALLYMOTE WWTP

The table below provides details of ambient monitoring locations and details of any designations as sensitive areas.

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Status
Upstream	166161, 314660	TPEFF2700D0094SW001	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream	165464, 313536	TPEFF2700D0094SW001	No	No	No	No	Good

2.3.2 Ambient Monitoring Parameter Summary - BALLYMOTE WWTP

The table below provides a summary of monitoring results for designated ambient monitoring points. The upstream and downstream annual mean values are shown (mg/l), and the difference between both monitoring stations is given as a percentage of the Environmental Quality Standard (EQS) where relevant.

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Conductivity @25°C µS/cm	RS35B040100	574.6	RS35O060250	416.6		
Alkalinity-total (as CaCO3) mg/l	RS35B040100	247.8	RS35O060250	177.2		
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	RS35B040100	0.47	RS35O060250	0.43		

Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	RS35B040100	11.48	RS35O060250	10.36		
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS35B040100	0.02	RS35O060250	0.06	0.14	24.3
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	RS35B040100	0.47	RS35O060250	0.43		
Nitrite (as N) µg/l	RS35B040100	2.66	RS35O060250	3.69		
Total Hardness (as CaCO3) mg/l	RS35B040100	293.2	RS35O060250	200.6		
Chloride mg/l	RS35B040100	18.86	RS35O060250	17.84		
True Colour mg/litre Pt Co	RS35B040100	30.2	RS35O060250	76.8		
Temperature °C	RS35B040100	9.78	RS35O060250	9.78		
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS35B040100	0.02	RS35O060250	0.03	0.075	18.1
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	RS35B040100	101.2	RS35O060250	94.8		
pH pH units	RS35B040100	8.04	RS35O060250	7.88		
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS35B040100	0.88	RS35O060250	1.28	2.6	15.4

Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was compliant with the ELV’s set in the wastewater discharge licence.

3 OPERATIONAL REPORTS SUMMARY

3.1 Treatment Efficiency Report

Treatment efficiency is based on the removal of key pollutants from the influent wastewater by the treatment plant. In essence the calculation is based on the balance of load coming into the plant versus the load leaving the plant. The efficiency is presented as a percentage removal rate.

A summary presentation of the efficiency of the treatment process including information for all the parameters specified in the licence is included below:

3.1.1 Treatment Efficiency Report Summary - BALLYMOTE WWTP

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)	Comment
SS	48278.93	9020.81	81.32	
TP	1412.56	354.27	74.92	
cBOD	53217.28	3536.53	93.35	
COD	147577.47	23203.14	84.28	
TN	11414.03	4442.74	61.08	

Note: The above data is based on sample results for the number of dates reported

3.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary

Treatment capacity is an assessment of the hydraulic (flow) and organic (the amount of pollutants) load a treatment plant is designed to treat versus the current loading of that plant.

BALLYMOTE WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m3/day) - As Constructed	2025
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	675
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m3/day)	2473
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	1325.7
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	3000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)	2594
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	406
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	No

3.3 Complaints Summary

A summary of complaints of an environmental nature is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints
There is no Complaint data included in the AER.			

3.4 Reported Incidents Summary

Environmental incidents that arise in an agglomeration are reported on an on-going basis in accordance with our waste water discharge licences. Where an incident occurs and it is reportable under the licence, it is reported to the Environmental Protection Agency through their Environmental Data Exchange Network, or in some instances by telephone. Some incidents which arise in the agglomeration are recorded by Irish Water but may not be reportable under our licence for example where the incident does not have an impact on environmental performance.

A summary of reported incidents is included below.

3.4.1 Summary of Incidents

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Non-compliance	WWTP operating above capacity	1	Yes	No

3.4.2 Summary of Overall Incidents

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2018	1
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2018	1
Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above	

3.5 Sludge / Other inputs to the WWTP

'Other inputs' to the waste water treatment plant are summarised in table below

Input type	Quantity	Unit	P.E.	% of load to WWTP	Included in Influent Monitoring (Y/N)?	Is there a leachate/sludge acceptance procedure for the WWTP?	Is there a dedicated leachate/sludge acceptance facility for the WWTP? (Y/N)
There is no Sludge and Other Input data for the Treatment Plant included in the AER.							

4 INFRASTRUCTURAL ASSESSMENTS AND PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS

4.1 Storm Water Overflow Identification and Inspection Report

A summary of the operation of the storm water overflows and their significance where known is included below:

No Appendix Included

4.1.1 SWO Identification

WWDL Name / Code for Storm Water Overflow	Irish Grid Ref.	Included in Schedule A4 of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow(High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2018 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2018 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW002	165731, 313165	Yes	Low	Meeting	178	76525	Monitored
SW003	165722, 313210	No	Low	Meeting			Not Monitored

4.1.2 Inspection Summary Report

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	76525
Is each SWO identified as non meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	Yes
The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?	No
Have the EPA been advised of any additional SWOs / charges to Schedule C3 and A4 under Condition 1.7?	No

4.2 Report on progress made and proposals being developed to meet the improvement programme requirements.

4.2.1 Specified Improvement Programme Summary

A wastewater discharge licence may require a number of reports on specific subject areas to be prepared for the agglomeration in question. These reports are submitted to the EPA as part of the Annual Environmental Report. This section provides list of the various reports required for this agglomeration and a brief summary of their recommendations.

Specified Improvement Programmes (under Schedule A and C of WWDL)	Licence Schedule	Licence Completion Date	Date Expired? (N/NA/Y)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
Any works required to reduce BOD and Orthophosphate levels to meet the ELV specified in schedule A.1: Primary Waste Water Discharges of this licence (Column 2).	C	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage		
SWA - Upgrading of Storm Water Overflows to comply with the criteria outlined in the DoEHLG "Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows, 1995".	C	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage		

A summary of the status of any improvements identified by under Condition 5.2 is included below.

4.2.2 Improvement Programme Summary

Improvement Identifier	Improvement Description	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
There are no Improvements Programmes for this Agglomeration.				

4.2.3 Sewer Integrity Risk Assessment

The utilisation of multiple capital maintenance programmes and the outputs of the workshops with the Local Authority Operations Staff held under the programme can be used to satisfy the requirements of Condition 5 regarding network integrity. Improvement works identified by way of these programmes and workshops will be included in the Improvements Summary Table".

5 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTS

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5.1.1 Licence Specific Reports Summary Table

Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER	Reference to relevant section of AER (e.g. Appendix X).
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2014	No	

6 CERTIFICATION AND SIGN OFF

6.1 Summary of AER Contents

Parameter	Answer
Does the AER include an Executive Summary?	Yes
Does the AER include an assessment of the performance of the Waste Water Works (i.e. have the results of assessments been interpreted against WWDL requirements and or Environmental Quality Standards)?	Yes
Is there a need to advise the EPA for consideration of a Technical Amendment / Review of the licence?	Yes
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	discharge location as identified in the Discharge Licence is incorrect
Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modifications to the existing WWDL?	No
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	
Have these processes commenced?	
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER	NA

I certify that the information given in this Annual Environmental Report is truthful, accurate and complete:

Signed: Date: 11/03/2019

This AER has been produced by Irish Water's Environmental Information System (EIMS) and has been electronically signed off in that system for and on behalf of,

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7 APPENDIX

There are no Appendices included