

Annual Environmental Report

2018



Ballyshannon

D0128-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0128-01, Ballyshannon, in Donegal 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
There is no Licence Specific Reports included in the AER.	

1.2 Treatment Type

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant Ballyshannon WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 6100. The treatment process includes the following:

1.2.1 Ballyshannon WWTP

Treatment type	Yes / No	Details
Preliminary Treatment	Yes	Screen and grit removal
Primary Treatment	No	
Secondary Treatment	Yes	Activated sludge
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 Ballyshannon WWTP

Compliance Status	
Were all parameters compliant for Ballyshannon WWTP treatment plant	Yes
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
Ballyshannon WWTP	Liquid Sludge	245	Weight (Tonnes)	37.97	Donegal Sludge Hub

Annual Statement of Measures

Not applicable.

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 - Ballyshannon WWTP

Parameters	Number of Samples	Annual Max	Annual Mean
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	43.9	27.79
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	181	116.33
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	187	89.5
COD-Cr mg/l	12	327	146.5
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	5.91	2.95
Hydraulic Capacity	0	1195	1195

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 less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2. The design of the wastewater treatment plant allows for peak values and therefore the peak loads have not impacted on compliance with Emission Limit Values.

2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration

2.2.1 Effluent Monitoring Summary - Ballyshannon 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 exceedances	Number of exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
Faecal coliforms MPN/100ml	0	0	0	2	0	0	13150	Pass
Conductivity 20 C μ S/cm	0	0	0	12	0	0	688.91	Pass
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	0	12	0	0	19.55	Pass
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	0	0	0	10	0	0	13.97	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	30	75	0	12	0	0	3.82	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	1.69	Pass
Enterococci (Intestinal) cfu/100ml	0	0	0	2	0	0	4100	Pass
Fats, Oils & Greases mg/l	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	Pass

Parameter	WWDL ELV (Schedule A)	ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included ^{Note 1}	Interim % reduction from influent concentration	Number of sample results	Number of exceedances	Number of exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	20	40	0	12	0	0	1.23	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	5	6	0	12	1	0	0.59	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	16.32	Pass
E. Coli MPN/100ml	0	0	0	2	0	0	53200	Pass
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	0.09	Pass
Temperature °C	25	0	0	12	0	0	6.04	Pass
pH pH units	0	0	0	12	0	0	7.48	Pass
Orthophosphate (MRP) filtered (As P) mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	1.53	Pass
Phenols (Total) µg/l	0	0	0	8	0	0	39.57	Pass
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	14.51	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):

Not Applicable

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence.

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 - Ballyshannon 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	185797, 361927	TPEFF0600D0128SW001	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream	185567, 361985	TPEFF0600D0128SW001	No	No	No	No	Moderate

2.3.2 Ambient Monitoring Parameter Summary - Ballyshannon WWTP

The results for ambient results and / or additional monitoring data sets are included in the **Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary**

Significance of Results:

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

The ambient monitoring results meet the required EQS.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable impact on the water quality.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

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 - Ballyshannon WWTP

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)	Comment
TN	12122.03	7120.36	41.26	
TP	1285.99	737.81	42.63	
cBOD	39037.66	535.31	98.63	
SS	50741.69	1665.4	96.72	
COD	63899.64	8525.24	86.66	

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.

Ballyshannon WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m3/day) - As Constructed	3546

Ballyshannon WWTP	
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	1182
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m3/day)	1195
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	1195
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	6100
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)	2767
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	3333
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)
There is no Incident data included in the AER.				

3.4.2 Summary of Overall Incidents

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2018	0
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2018	0
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	187194, 361863	Yes	Unknown	Not yet Assessed			Not Monitored
SW003	187116, 361571	Yes	Unknown	Not yet Assessed			Not Monitored
SW004	187115, 361377	Yes	Unknown	Not yet Assessed			Not Monitored
SW005	N/A	Yes	Unknown	Not yet Assessed			Not Monitored
SW006	N/A	Yes	Unknown	Not yet Assessed			Not Monitored

4.1.2 Inspection Summary Report

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	
Is each SWO identified as non meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	No
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
There are no Specified Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.						

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 Programme 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.a 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).
There is no Licence Specific Report Required in this AER Annual Review.				

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?	No
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	
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?	No
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER	N/A

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

Signed:

Date: 12/03/2019

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

Appendix

Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Ballyshannon Coastal Water Report					Parameter	Total Nitrogen N	Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	Ammonia N	Chlorophyll	Ortho-Phosphate P	pH	Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen DIN	Biological Oxygen Demand	E Coli	Faecal Coliforms	Enterococci	Dissolved Oxygen	
Report No:19DL45					Accreditation Status	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	***	***	***	***
Category	Entity	Station	Sample Reference	Sample Date	Units	mg/l	% Sat.	mg/l	µg/l	mg/l	pH units	mg/l	mg/l	MPN/100mls	cfu/100mls	cfu/100mls	mg/l	
Transitional Water Body	Erne Estuary	Ballyshannon - Upstream	182502417	6-June-2018	-	0.3	NT	0.24	< 4	< 0.02	8.2	< 0.7	1	0	> 2420	0	9.7	
Transitional Water Body	Erne Estuary	Ballyshannon - Downstream	182502418	6-June-2018	-	1.8	NT	0.26	< 4	< 0.02	8.2	< 0.7	2	3	1120	0	9.7	
Transitional Water Body	Erne Estuary	Ballyshannon - Upstream	182504060	28-Sep-2018	-	0.5	102	< 0.06	< 4	< 0.02	8.3	< 0.7	< 1	120	365	13	NT	
Transitional Water Body	Erne Estuary	Ballyshannon - Downstream	182504061	28-Sep-2018	-	0.7	102	< 0.06	< 4	< 0.02	8.3	< 0.7	< 1	105	231	8	NT	
Transitional Water Body	Erne Estuary	Ballyshannon - Upstream	182504900	15-Oct-2018	-	0.3	102.8	0.25	< 4	0.14	8.42	0.25	< 1	72	72	24	NT	
Transitional Water Body	Erne Estuary	Ballyshannon - Downstream	182504901	15-Oct-2018	-	0.3	96.9	0.16	< 4	0.02	8.32	< 0.23	< 1	50	141	32	NT	
Transitional Water Body	Erne Estuary	Ballyshannon - Upstream	192500146	13-Nov-2018	-	0.7	116.8	< 0.02	< 4	< 0.02	8.2	< 0.23	< 1	46	185	12	NT	
Transitional Water Body	Erne Estuary	Ballyshannon - Downstream	192500147	13-Nov-2018	-	0.7	117.5	< 0.02	< 4	< 0.02	8.22	< 0.23	< 1	57	161	12	NT	

** Sub-Contract # DCC Laboratory

*** Accredited & Sub-Contract

NT Not Tested