

Nine land parcels shortlisted for further study as potential location for wastewater treatment plant

In April this year Fingal County Council began a process to identify suitable locations for a new regional wastewater treatment plant, an orbital sewer and a marine outfall in north County Dublin (including most of the Fingal County Council area). This project is known as the Greater Dublin Drainage Project.

Four weeks of public consultation took place in May and June. All stakeholders, including the general public, were invited to advise the Project Team of the criteria and constraints they should take into account when considering locations for the new infrastructure.

All submissions and comments from stakeholders fed into the work of the Project Team, when they subsequently carried out a comprehensive screening process of north County Dublin.

This screening process has now identified nine (9) potential land parcels, within which the proposed regional wastewater treatment plant might be located.

The purpose of this information brochure is

- to update you on the Project development and
- invite you to participate in a new round of public consultation on the nine land parcels identified for further study as potential locations for the wastewater treatment plant.

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What is happening now?

Fingal County Council has reached a major milestone in the search for suitable locations for the regional wastewater treatment plant, the marine outfall and routes for the orbital sewer, with the publication of the **Alternative Site Assessment Phase One – Preliminary Screening Outcomes Report**. (See www.greaterdublindrainage.ie for the full report)

This Report identifies nine (9) potential land parcels within which the proposed regional wastewater treatment plant could be located and also identifies pipeline corridors to and from the plant, as well as areas for a potential outfall to the Irish Sea. The approach adopted in identifying these sites was to avoid (and not just mitigate) significant environmental impacts. A site area of c. 20 hectares has been estimated as being necessary for the new Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Report does not identify specific sites for the regional wastewater treatment plant. Most of the land parcels identified are far in excess of the 20 hectares required to accommodate the plant and there could be a number of potential siting options within each of the land parcels.

What happens next?

The nine potential land parcels included in the Report have been identified through high-level, desk based studies and each will be examined in greater detail over the next stage of the Project. Site specific information, more in-depth desk-top research and site surveys, as well as feedback from the public are needed now, to rule out any unsuitable land parcel and to assist in identifying the best location.



New Public Consultation Opportunity – when can I get involved?

The next stage of public consultation on the Greater Dublin Drainage Project will take place on the nine identified land parcels, pipeline corridors and outfall locations over a six week period from October 10th to November 18th 2011.

This non-statutory public consultation will provide all interested people or groups with the best opportunity to be involved in the site selection process, taking all technical factors into account.

Everyone is welcome to give their views.

All submissions and feedback from the public will be reviewed and considered by the Project Team in the next stage of the process.

This is an opportunity to engage with the Project Team and to give your views on the potential land parcels, outfall locations and pipeline corridors

New Public Consultation Opportunity - how can I get involved?

Attend an Open Day

All interested stakeholders are invited to attend at any of four Open Days to be held at Fingal County Hall, Main St, Swords, during October and November 2011, as follows:

- **Saturday 22nd October from 11am to 4pm**
- **Wednesday 26th October from 2pm to 8pm**
- **Thursday 3rd November from 2pm to 8pm**
- **Saturday 5th November from 11am to 4pm**

Tell us your views

Submissions can be made directly to the project team at the Open Days or you can email your comments to info@greaterdublindrainage.ie.

Contact us

You may also contact the Project Team as follows at any stage including during the consultation process:

Lo-call telephone: 1890 44 55 67

Write to: Greater Dublin Drainage Project Manager, C/O RPS Group, West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin.



At this stage we would like to hear your views on the following issues:

- **What are the features of each identified land parcel that make it suitable or unsuitable as a potential location for the regional wastewater treatment plant?**
- **What issues should be considered in deciding the location for the marine outfall?**
- **What issues should be considered in deciding the routes for the pipeline?**
- **How should these features be considered in the next phase of the Project?**
- **What other issues do you think need to be taken into account at this stage of the Project?**
- **How would you like to be involved or communicated with as the project progresses?**

For further details and to read the full ASA Stage One Preliminary Screening Outcomes Report, log onto our website www.greaterdublindrainage.ie

What is Greater Dublin Drainage?

The aim of the Greater Dublin Drainage Project is to provide the strategic drainage infrastructure that the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) requires to continue to develop, both socially and economically.

The project will provide:

- **a new Regional Wastewater Treatment Works**
- **a marine outfall and**
- **a new drainage network in the northern part of the GDA.**

Who is leading the Greater Dublin Drainage Project?

The Greater Dublin Drainage project is being led by Fingal County Council, on behalf of Dublin City Council and the County Councils of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, South Dublin, Kildare and Meath.

Why is it needed?

The new infrastructure is needed to provide sustainable drainage and wastewater treatment for the Greater Dublin Area (GDA), to meet current and future economic, industrial and residential needs, to protect the environment and to meet the EU Water Framework Directive standards.

The Greater Dublin Drainage Project is essential for the future long-term social and economic development of the GDA and the Fingal County Council area, in particular.

The majority of the flows to the plant will come from the Fingal County Council area.

Potential land parcels for consultation

Fingal County Council has invited all stakeholders, including the general public, to get involved in the project from the start, so that the best locations are chosen for this vital new wastewater infrastructure.

This map shows the nine potential land parcels that are being presented for public consultation over a six week period from October 10th to November 18th 2011.

