Annual Environmental Report

2018

Ballysadare

D0095-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0095-01, Ballysadare, 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
There is no Licence Specific Reports included in the AER.	

1.2 Treatment Type

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant BALLYSADARE WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 4500. The treatment process includes the following:

1.2.1 BALLYSADARE WWTP

Treatment type	Yes / No	Details
Preliminary Treatment	Yes	Inlet pumping (up to 6DWF), Screenings removal & Grit removal
Primary Treatment	Yes	Activated Sludge Plant- Diffused Aeration
Secondary Treatment	Yes	Final clarification
Nutrient Removal	Yes	Ferric sulphate dosing facilities for phosphorous removal (off line in 2013)
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 BALLYSADARE WWTP

Compliance Status	
Were all parameters compliant for BALLYSADARE 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
BALLYSADARE WWTP	Cake Sludge	114.1	Weight (Tonnes)	16.67	D0014-01 (Sligo WwTP)

Annual Statement of Measures

There were no major capital or operational changes undertaken.

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 - BALLYSADARE WWTP

Parameters	Number of Samples	Annual Max	Annual Mean
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	138.5	33.89
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	704	132.55
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	850	178.11
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	17.2	4.18
COD-Cr mg/l	12	1630	451.11
Hydraulic Capacity	0	1149	316.17

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 - BALLYSADARE 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 with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	10	12	0	12	1	0	2.49	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	0	12	1	0	13.31	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	5	6	0	12	0	0	0.6	Pass
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	0	12	0	0	35.5	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0	0	0	8	0	0	0.6	Pass
pH pH units	0	0	0	9	0	0	5.91	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 with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	0	12	0	0	3.99	Pass
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	25	30	0	12	4	2	18.5	Fail

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 N removal, optimisation & monitoring ongoing

Significance of Results:

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

There were four exceedances in relation to Total Oxidised Nitrogen parameter ELV, two 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 - BALLYSADARE 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	166817, 329068	TPEFF2700D0095SW001	No	No	No	No	Good
Upstream	166825, 329042	TPEFF2700D0095SW001	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream	166672, 329556	TPEFF2700D0095SW001	No	No	No	No	Good
Downstream	166540, 329868	TPEFF2700D0095SW001	No	No	No	No	Moderate

2.3.2 Ambient Monitoring Parameter Summary - BALLYSADARE 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 not 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.

Other Potential cause of deterioration in water quality relevant to this area are: No

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 - BALLYSADARE WWTP

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)	Comment
COD	52291.33	3932.18	92.48	
TN	3927.88			
TP	484.83	68	85.97	
cBOD	15364.52	441.78	97.12	
SS	20646.5	1474.2	92.86	

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.

BALLYSADARE WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m3/day) - As Constructed	1107045
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	369015
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m3/day)	1149
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	316.17
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	4500
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)	1645
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	2855
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 not designed for N removal	3	Yes	No
Non-compliance	WWTP not designed for N removal	2	Yes	Yes

3.4.2 Summary of Overall Incidents

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2018	5
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2018	5

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	166777, 329066	Yes	Low	Meeting			Not Monitored
SW003	166741, 329252	Yes	Low	Meeting			Not Monitored
SW005	166804, 329144	Yes	Low	Meeting			Not Monitored
SW006	166522, 329823	Yes	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)?	
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
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 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).
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?	
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	
Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modifications to the existing WWDL?	
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: 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

Data/Statistics - 2018

Result Not Accredited

Entity	Station	Station Code	Sample Reason	Sample Date	Ammonia N mg/l	BOD, 5 days w mg/l	Dissolved Inorganic Nitrog mg/l	Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	Nitrate N mg/l	Nitrite NO2 mg/l	pH pH units	Temperature Degrees C	Total Oxidised Nitrogen N mg/l
Ballysodare	Upstream of Ballysodare WWTP -Ba	RS35B050100	Compliance	16/01/2018	0.2	2.3		10.8			7.96	7.7	0.393
Ballysodare	Upstream of Ballysodare WWTP -Ba	RS35B050100	Compliance	02/05/2018	0.102	2.4	0.3	11	0.28	0.005	8.2	9.7	0.28
Ballysodare	Upstream of Ballysodare WWTP -Ba	RS35B050100	Compliance	14/09/2018	0.029	1	0.3	9	0.26	0.005	8.2	12.9	0.26
Ballysodare	Upstream of Ballysodare WWTP -Ba	RS35B050100	Compliance	05/10/2018	0.132	1.7	0.3	11	0.28	0.005	8.2	12	0.32
Ballysodare	Downstream of Ballisodare WWTP	RS35B050200	Compliance	16/01/2018	0.2	1		11.7			7.95	6.8	0.403
Ballysodare	Downstream of Ballisodare WWTP	RS35B050200	Compliance	02/05/2018	0.012	1.6	0.3	10	0.27	0.005	8.3	9.6	0.26
Ballysodare	Downstream of Ballisodare WWTP	RS35B050200	Compliance	14/09/2018	0.017	2.4	0.3	10	0.29	0.005	8.4	12.2	0.29
Ballysodare	Downstream of Ballisodare WWTP	RS35B050200	Compliance	05/10/2018	0.01	1.6	0.4	10	0.29	0.005	8.3	12.3	0.32

Upstream Avg	0.11575	1.85	0.3	10.45	0.273333333	0.005	8.14	10.575	0.31325
Downstream Avg	0.05975	1.65	0.333333333	10.425	0.283333333	0.005	8.2375	10.225	0.31825
Difference	-0.056	-0.2	0.033333333	-0.025	0.01	0	0.0975	-0.35	0.005
EQS	0.14	2.6							
% of EQS	-40	-7.69230769							