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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Notice of Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (A Proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant, Interceptor Sewers & associated Storm Water Overflows and Stormwater Storage Tank, Sea Outfall Pipelines, Upgrade to a Section of the Coastal Revetment)

On behalf of the Applicant, Irish Water, Colville House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, we hereby submit a planning application under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the proposed development summarised below:

A 10-year planning permission is sought for the proposed development, referred to as the Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant project, comprising the following elements:

- A new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP) of 36,000 population equivalent (PE) and associated infrastructure for the WwTP including an inlet pumping station, a storm water storage tank, preliminary and secondary treatment facilities, sludge thickening and dewatering facilities, a pump sump and tank to discharge excess stormwater flows as well as site administration facilities and associated landscaping (all located at the Old Wallboard site at Ferrybank);
- Interceptor sewers along North Quay, South Quay and under the Avoca River (including associated manholes and vent stacks) that will tie in with the existing waste water collection network and bring the untreated wastewater to the WwTP;
- Two storm water overflows (SWOs) on the interceptor sewers to provide emergency relief for excess flows in the sewer catchment during extreme rainfall events and extended power outages; one to discharge to the Avoca Estuary at South Quay-Harbour road and the other to discharge from the WwTP, through the toe of the revetment, to the Irish Sea.
- A stormwater overflow (SWO) and stormwater storage tank to the west of River Walk on a vacant site referred to as 'the Alps';

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- A long sea outfall pipe (approximately 930m in length from the site boundary) to discharge the treated wastewater effluent to the Irish Sea; and
- An upgrade to the existing revetment on the coastal side of the Old Wallboard site at Ferrybank.

A 10 year planning permission is sought having regard to the nature and extent of the proposed development.

A detailed description of the proposed development is set out in the enclosed Public Notice and a complete description is set out in the documentation accompanying the application, including the Planning Report, Planning Drawings, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement. A list of the application enclosures is set out below. All of this information will also be available to view at the following dedicated website: www.arklowwastewater.ie, as well as on the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government EIA Portal from 20 September 2018.

We enclose a Confirmation Notice from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government which confirms receipt of satisfactory information relating to the proposed development, and upload of the same to the EIA Portal.

We also confirm that the appropriate application fee has been paid by electronic transfer to An Bord Pleanála.

The proposed development has been formulated through an interactive process, having regard to extensive consultation with relevant parties and informed by environmental and planning considerations and best practice guidelines.

Irish Water looks forward to receiving a favourable and timely permission from the Board.

We would ask that all further correspondence in relation to the planning application is directed to this office.

Yours sincerely
for
Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd t/a Arup



Clodagh O'Donovan
Associate Director

Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

List of Planning Application Documents and Drawings

3 no. hard copies and 7 no. electronic copies of the following items are included within with application to An Bord Pleanála.

1. SID Application Cover Letter
2. SID Application Form, signed and dated
3. Application fee paid by electronic transfer (confirmation of €123,000 payment enclosed with application)
4. Confirmation Notice from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re provision of required information for its EIA portal
5. Newspaper Notice, as published in the Irish Independent and the Wicklow People on 05 September 2018
6. Site Notice, as erected, on a white background at 21 no. locations across the extent of the proposed development, the locations of same being shown on Drawing No. 247825-00-C-IS-004 and Drawing No. 247825-00-C-IS005 accompanying this planning application.
7. A schedule of Prescribed Bodies to whom the notice of the application has been sent
8. Copy of Letter to Prescribed Bodies, sent to:
 - Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government
 - Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment
 - Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Development Applications Unit)
 - Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
 - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - Wicklow County Council
 - Arklow Municipal District
 - The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
 - An Comhairle Ealaíon
 - Fáilte Ireland
 - The Heritage Council
 - Health Service Executive
 - An Taisce
 - Inland Fisheries Ireland

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- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
 - Office of Public Works
9. Planning Report
 10. Environmental Impact Assessment Report, comprising:
 - EIAR Volume 1 (Non-Technical Summary)
 - EIAR Volume 2 (Environmental Impact Assessment Report)
 - EIAR Volume 3 (Figures)
 - EIAR Volume 4 (Appendices)
 11. Natura Impact Statement
 12. Shapefile of the planning boundary (in the required format), provided with the electronic copies of the documents
 13. Schedule of pre-application consultations and details of public consultations
 14. Planning Application Drawings, as per attached Schedule