Submission From:	Public Submission
Submission Date:	03/05/2021

I would like to express my fears for the new development which for some unknown reason has to be located in the only green space in Whitegate village and once again on my doorstep.
I have been looking at the rusting vent pipe on the 'underground' pumping station which is in fact 2 fee overground and next to the pretty Scenic Walk and view of the sea (Photos attached).
As money is currently being thrown around like 'snuff at a wake' and we are deep into 21st century, I don't see any reason the new monstrosity couldn't be buried in the middle of the bay.
It's a pity we can't contract the Romans who would have come up with a better solution 2000 years ago.

Response:

The purpose of the proposed pumping station is to intercept flows from the existing drainage networks which currently discharge to the existing pumping station at Whitegate (adjacent to the R630), and to transfer such flows to the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant at Ballytigeen . While other locations were considered as part of the site selection process, the preferred location was determined to be within the green area at Whitegate village due to its proximity to the point at which the multiple sewerage networks draining Whitegate and Upper Aghada converge. Any alternative location would necessitate significant alterations to the existing drainage networks and the construction of at least one intermediate pumping station. The proposed pumping station will be underground, with only access covers, a vent stack and a control kiosk to be located above-ground, and the green area will continue to be available to the public as an amenity space.

Construction and operation of a pumping station in the bay, or within the foreshore area, is considered to be unfeasible for a number of reasons, including environmental impact (particularly to Cork Harbour Special Protection Area) and inadequate accessibility for routine operation and maintenance activities.

Please note that the existing pumping station, which does protrude above ground level, and the associated vent stack are to be decommissioned and demolished as part of the proposed works.

Submission From:	Public Submission
Submission Date:	04/06/2021

Submission:

[REDACTED] sent you my concerns re the proposal to have the new treatment plant on the only Green Space in Whitegate village which also happens to be on my doorstep. I am mystified as to the choice of location. It cannot be money surely as our government have long since stopped talking in millions but now generally speak in billions.
I wonder where would it be located in Denmark for instance or Sweden or a myriad of other wealthy contrived like Ireland. I would respectfully suggest not on the Village Green.

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