PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING STAGE 2 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Irish Water has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Foreshore Licence under Section 3 of the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for works comprising of a Waste Water collection system and Marine Outfall (FS007027) at Whitegate, Rostellan, Whitebay, Glanagow and Aghada, Co. Cork.

The Foreshore Licence Application Area is shown in the map below:

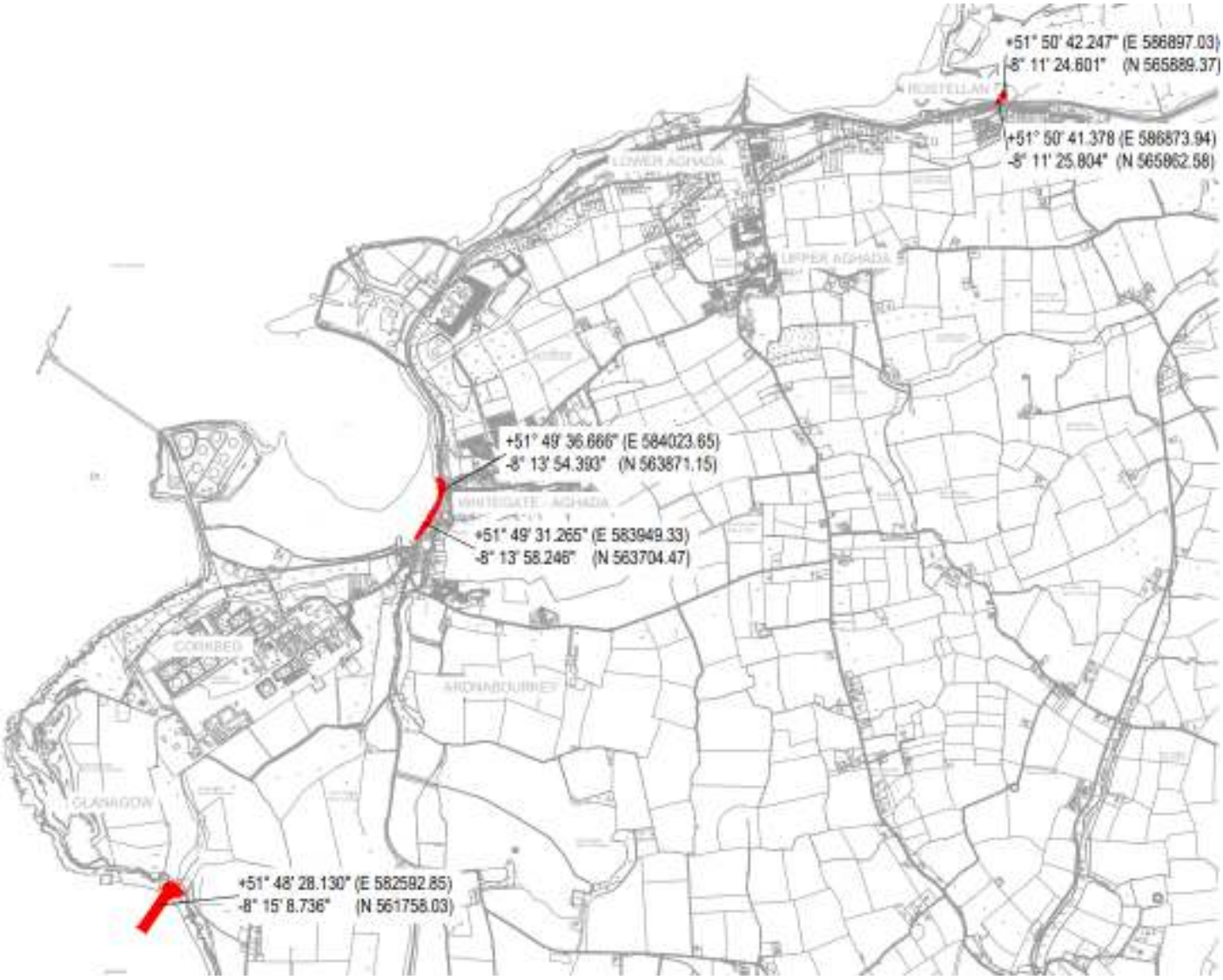

Figure 1. Foreshore Licence Application Area

Coordinates of the Foreshore Licence Application Area are provided in the following table:

ID	LATITUDE *(Deg Min Sec)*	LONGITUDE *(Deg Min Sec)*	ID	LATITUDE *(Deg Min Sec)*	LONGITUDE *(Deg Min Sec)*
1	+51° 50' 42.247"	-8° 11' 24.601"	**4**	+51° 49' 31.265"	-8° 13' 58.246"
2	+51° 50' 41.378"	-8° 11' 25.804"	**5**	+51° 48' 28.130"	-8° 15' 8.736"
3	+51° 49' 36.666"	-8° 13' 54.393"	**-**		

SCREENING FOR APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION

The Minister has determined, in accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the proposed plan or project.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 42(8) of S.I. No. 477/2011 – European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and heritage, in considering an application for a Foreshore Licence under the Foreshore Act 1933 as amended, and in particular whether or not the plan or project would have a significant impact on a European Site, has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is required.

A copy of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment is available at:
https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/43d64-foreshore-notice-fs007027/

In considering this matter, the Minister had regard to the following:

1. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report prepared by Independent Environmental Consultants;
2. The Environmental Report prepared by the Departments Marine Advisor (Environment);
3. A number of application documents submitted by Irish Water, which informed the Screening for Appropriate Assessment and are contained in the submission the Minister determined on.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible for making a decision on the application and the Minister may grant, approve or consent to the application with or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application.

The Minister will carry out an Appropriate Assessment and in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42 (12). The Minister will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended.

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13), public submissions are invited for the purpose of conducting the Appropriate Assessment in this case. Any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project within 30 days of the date of this notice. The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation.

A copy of the application, and the relevant documents, maps, plans and drawings, and the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the Natura Impact Statement submitted by the Applicant, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between **17th November 2022** and **16th December 2022 (Inclusive)**, free of charge at:

- **Midleton Garda Station,** Oliver Plunkett Place, Midleton, Co. Cork, P25 Y439.
  OPENING HOURS: 24 hours, 7 days a week TEL: (021) 462 1550

- **Cork Co. Co. Planning Office,** Planning Department, Ground Floor, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork
  OPENING HOURS: 9am-4pm, Monday to Friday. TEL: (021) 4276891

The documentation is available on the Department's website:

https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/43d64-foreshore-notice-fs007027/

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation concerning the proposed plan or project may do so between **17th November 2022 and 16th December 2022, Inclusive (quoting ref: FS007027)** to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 16th December 2022

Take notice that material upon which the Minster shall make the Appropriate Assessment determination will be published on the Department's website. In this regard the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at:
http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process

Dated this 17th November 2022