

Greater Dublin Drainage Project



Project Consultation

June 2013

The Greater Dublin Drainage initiative aims to provide the drainage infrastructure needed to allow the Greater Dublin Area to continue to develop. It is also required to protect the environment and ensure compliance with EU and national legislative requirements.

Studies have identified that the best solution for the future development of wastewater treatment capacity in the Greater Dublin Area comprises a 26km pipeline, a wastewater treatment plant at Clonshagh and an outfall pipe located 6km out to sea from Baldoyle Bay.

Consultation is an essential element of the development of any infrastructure project. Fingal County Council is committed to ensuring that an accessible, meaningful, and accountable engagement process is undertaken with members of the public and we welcome your submissions and comments at any stage.

Consultation to Date

Constraints Phase

Consultation 1: Public consultation took place over four weeks in June 2011. Members of the public were asked to identify any constraints that exist within the broad study area. These constraints were considered in addition to previously identified features in the landscape that might make an area unsuitable as a location for the project and included protected areas, visual impact, ecology and the environment.

Site and Route Selection Phase

Consultation 2: The second public consultation took place over eight weeks from October to December 2011. This consultation provided the public with an opportunity to provide feedback on nine specific locations identified for the plant, with associated pipeline corridors and two marine outfall locations. All relevant issues from this consultation phase were used in determining which location is more appropriate.

Consultation 3: The third consultation took place over eight weeks from May to July 2012 following the announcement of three emerging preferred site options at Annsbrook, Clonshagh and Newtowncorduff. All feedback received during this consultation was reviewed and the relevant issues were used in the selection of a preferred site option.

Summaries of issues and concerns expressed by the public were summarised and responded to in the consultation reports and technical reports which are accessible on the project website www.greaterdublindrainage.com/project-reports.

In addition to the above consultation phases, Fingal County Council is committed to ongoing engagement with the public throughout the project development. Members of the public and interested stakeholders can contact the Communications Team by phone, online or in writing. Contact details provided overleaf.

The Irish Otter,
courtesy of npws.ie



Environmental Studies To Date

Environmental studies were undertaken in the Fingal area including ornithological, terrestrial, freshwater and marine surveys. The purpose of these surveys was to clearly identify and recognise the existing environment within the three emerging preferred site options of Annsbrook, Clonshagh and Newtowncorduff. By determining the existing environment, it was possible to assess any potential impacts the project may have on the environment.

An example of these studies included searching for the presence of bats and otters at each of the three preferred site options and along the pipeline corridors. Details of the completed studies can be found in the Appendices of the 'Alternative Sites Assessment and Route Selection Report (Phase 4): Final Preferred Site and Routes' on www.greaterdublindrainage.com

Common pipistrelle bat,
courtesy of npws.ie





Have Your Say

The fourth stage of public consultation focuses on opinions on items to be considered in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This will take place over eight weeks from 10th June until 2nd August 2013. All relevant feedback received will be reviewed and considered by the Project Team and will be reported on within a separate consultation report which will form part of the consultation chapter of the EIS and associated appendices.

Key elements to be considered in the EIS include: human beings, landscape, visual impact, traffic management and access, effects on air and water quality. People may have specific information or views on items which should be considered under the above headings and Fingal County Council welcome and actively encourage your views on such items.

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Open Days

You are welcome to attend any of our three Open Days to be held in Swords. The Project Team will be available to answer your questions and listen to your views on what should be considered under the appropriate headings in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement.



Wednesday 26th June from 2:00pm to 8:00pm in Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords



Saturday 29th June from 11:00am to 4:00pm in Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords



Wednesday 3rd July from 2:00pm to 8:00pm in Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords

In order to ensure stakeholder feedback is considered in advance of the project moving forward, **all feedback for this consultation should be received by 5:00pm on Friday 2nd August 2013.**

What is happening next?

The Project Team will undertake and prepare an **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) and **Natura Impact Statement** (NIS) for the preferred site option, which will be submitted as part of the planning approval documentation to An Bord Pleanála. The Board is the competent authority that will assess and determine the outcome of the planning application.

Environmental Impact Statement

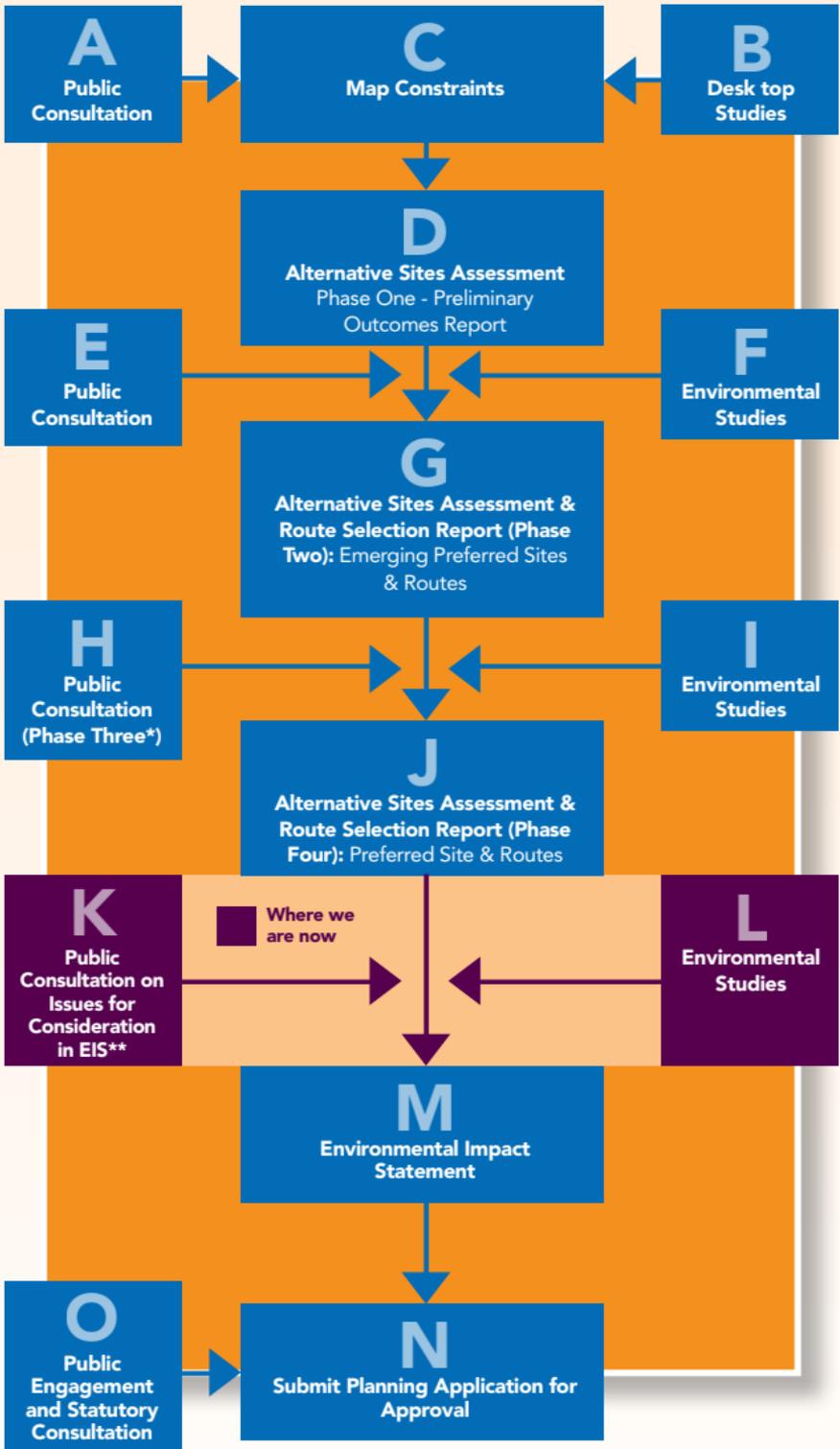
Detailed engineering and environmental studies will be carried out for the EIS which will lead to the preparation and compilation of the EIS and NIS for the Project. Input from the public and stakeholders in relation to items such as traffic management, access points, landscaping, effects on air and water quality will also be considered and inform these studies.

Submission to An Bord Pleanála

Fingal County Council intends to submit an application for planning approval to An Bord Pleanála in early 2014. As part of the planning process, the Board will carry out statutory consultation which will provide the public with the opportunity to have their say. The Project Team will also continue ongoing engagement with the public during the planning process.

Over 15,000 members of the public have made contact with the Project Team so far

Project Road Map



NOTES:

D - This identified constraints, potential land parcels, pipeline locations.

J - Announces the final site, pipeline routes and outfall location.

*Phase 3 refers to Public Consultation (H)

**Items raised during this consultation phase that are relevant to the Natura Impact Statement will also be considered.

The Aarhus Convention

The consultation process for the Greater Dublin Drainage project complies with the requirements set out in the Aarhus Convention

We have received more than 17,000 pieces of correspondence from stakeholders on the project to date

Contact us:

For more information visit our website at www.greaterdublindrainage.com

You can also contact us directly:

Online

Email us at info@GreaterDublinDrainage.ie

By phone

Call us on **1890.44.55.67** (Monday-Friday, 9:00a.m. - 1.00p.m. and 2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.)

In writing

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