

Report on Various Water Issues raised at the December SPC.

Date: 19th February 2020

- **New Intake at Terryland WTP**

In order to secure the abstraction from the river Corrib, a new raw water intake and associated abstraction main is required downstream of the Quincentenary Bridge to ensure a year round secure abstraction from the River Corrib of the currently permitted 55MLD. With the addition of pumps the new intake would be able to supply the increased abstraction rate when a new extraction license is granted.

Funding for this project has recently been deferred until the 2024 – 2029 Irish Water Capital Investment period.

- **Merlin Stream**

Galway City Council are aware of the evidence of contamination of the surface water which discharges to the Merlin Stream. Works to deal with the contamination were carried out in the past but further works have been included in the Galway Area Drainage Plan. These include all necessary surveying, sampling, flow monitoring, CCTV and dye test surveying required to quantify the extent and nature of the contamination. Many of these investigative works have taken place and are currently being assessed to see if remedial works can be conducted to rectify any issues as they are identified.

- **Mud Docks**

Repair works were carried out in 2019 at the bottom of Eyre Square to cease the discharge of sewage which occurred as result of pipe failure. This pipe failure resulted in a large flow of sewage enter the stormwater culvert which discharges at the Mud Docks. Galway City Council have continued to monitor the discharge from the Mud Docks and the repair works which were carried out at the time. The Drainage Area Plan is also investigating the existing cross connection which will need to be transferred over to the Foul Sewer from the existing culvert but there is no timescale as of yet for these works to be completed.

- **Signage at Ballyloughane Beach**

The EPA confirmed that the Guidance not to swim signage could be removed as all indications were (although this has not been confirmed) that there would be no requirement for this signage for the 2021 season.