

# Greater Dublin Drainage Project



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## What's happening now and next?

Uisce Éireann wishes to advise you of An Bord Pleanála's upcoming statutory consultation on the Greater Dublin Drainage project (the GDD Project). The planning application for the GDD Project was remitted to An Bord Pleanála for reconsideration following an Order of the High Court dated 16 July 2021 (the Remittal Application).



At An Bord Pleanála's direction, Uisce Éireann submitted further information in October 2023 in relation to the Remittal Application (the Further Information). The Further Information addresses changes that have occurred in the Environmental, Policy and Legislative context since the original application for the GDD Project was made in 2018.

An Bord Pleanála is now inviting submissions or observations on the Further Information. These submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64

Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 (see details below). The consultation period will run from **Tuesday 7 May 2024 up to 5:30pm on Friday 7 June**, inclusive.

An Bord Pleanála's case reference for the Remittal Application is PA06F.312131.

### **Why has Further Information been submitted to An Bord Pleanála?**

The Further Information has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála due to the time that has passed since the original planning application was submitted in 2018. As directed by An Bord Pleanála, in preparing the Further Information Uisce Éireann and its technical advisors have considered the extent to which each of the technical chapters of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) submitted with the original planning application for the GDD Project are required to be updated, having particular regard to:

- Changes to the baseline environment;
- The requirement for updated surveys; and
- Changes to the law, policy, and industry standards and guidance

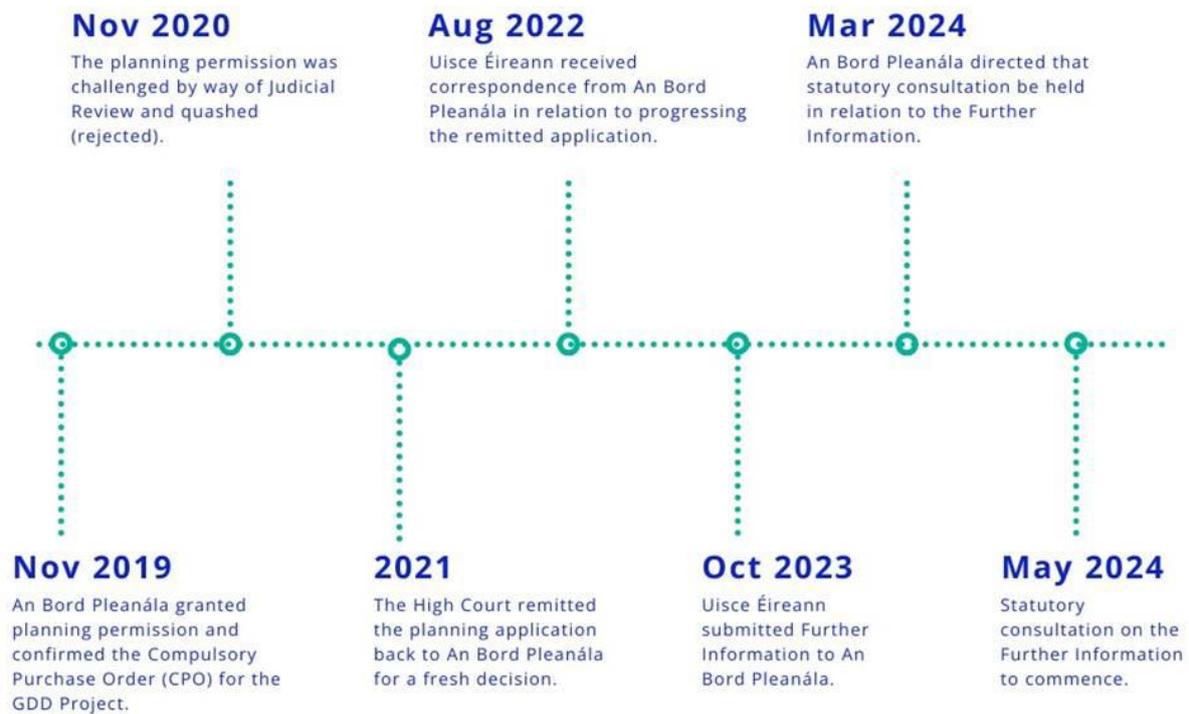
### **Why is the GDD project needed?**

The GDD Project includes a proposed new regional wastewater treatment facility to be located in the townland of Clonshaugh, an underground orbital sewer from Blanchardstown to Clonshaugh (to intercept existing flows to Ringsend), a new pumping station at Abbotstown, and an outfall pipeline to return the treated water to the Irish Sea.

GDD is one of the featured projects in the National Development Plan 2021-2030 under NSO 9 - Sustainable Management of Water and other Environmental Resources. As our population and economy grows, so too does the volume of wastewater. The amount of wastewater generated in greater Dublin is projected to increase by over 50% in the period to 2050. We must collect and treat this wastewater so that the treated water can be safely returned to the environment.

GDD represents the next major strategic step in the development of our wastewater infrastructure for Dublin and the surrounding counties. Once operational, the GDD project will have the capacity to provide wastewater treatment for the equivalent of half a million people living and working in this area. GDD is a key part of Uisce Éireann's investment in new wastewater infrastructure in greater Dublin and will protect public health, safeguard our environment, and facilitate growth to 2050.

## History of the GDD planning application



## Where can I view the Planning Application / Further Information?

The planning application and Further Information, along with other material on the GDD Project, can be viewed and downloaded on the project website: [www.gddapplication.ie](http://www.gddapplication.ie).

Hard copies of the planning application and Further Information are available for inspection free of charge during public opening hours at the following locations:

- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Rotunda, Dublin 1
- Fingal County Council, Planning Counter, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Fingal County Council, Planning Counter, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- Dublin City Council, Planning Counter, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8

Copies of the further information or extracts may be purchased on payment of a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of printing from: [greaterdublindrainage@water.ie](mailto:greaterdublindrainage@water.ie)

## Making a submission or observation on the Further Information

Any submissions or observations on the Further Information may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Rotunda, Dublin 1 as detailed below. Submissions or observations must be received by ABP by 5:30pm on Friday, 7 June 2024 and must include:

- The name of person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting of his / her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent.
- The subject matter of the submission or observation.
- The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based.

Submissions/observations requiring a fee	Submissions/observations not requiring a fee
<p>Submissions or observations to An Bord Pleanála must be accompanied by a €50 fee.</p> <p>These submissions or observations may be submitted by hand or by post to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902, or through the portal on An Bord Pleanála’s website: <a href="http://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observation-on-a-planning-appeal-online">www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observation-on-a-planning-appeal-online</a>.</p>	<p>No fee is required for certain prescribed bodies or for submitters who have previously made a submission or observation on the GDD Project to An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>These submissions or observations can be submitted by hand or by post to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902, or by email to <a href="mailto:laps@pleanala.ie">laps@pleanala.ie</a></p>

### Next steps:

Following closure of the consultation period, An Bord Pleanála will consider the Further Information submitted, as well as any submissions or observations received on the Further Information, to make a decision on the Remittal Application. An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the Remittal Application with or without conditions, or it may refuse the application.

We will endeavour to keep you updated as the planning application process progresses.

### Contact the GDD project:

**By phone:** 0818 44 55 67 (9am to 5:30pm Mon – Fri, except bank holidays)  
**By email:** [greaterdublindrainage@water.ie](mailto:greaterdublindrainage@water.ie)  
**Web:** [www.water.ie/greaterdublindrainage](http://www.water.ie/greaterdublindrainage)



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