

Annual Environmental Report

2018



Nobber

D0487-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0487-01, Nobber, in Meath in accordance with the requirements of the wastewater discharge licence for the agglomeration. Specified reports are included as an appendix to the AER as follows:

1.1 Licence specific reporting included in AER

Assessment / Report	Included in AER
There is no Licence Specific Reports included in the AER.	

1.2 Treatment Type

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant NOBBER WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 600. The treatment process includes the following:

1.2.1 NOBBER WWTP

Treatment type	Yes / No	Details
Preliminary Treatment	Yes	Screening
Primary Treatment	No	
Secondary Treatment	Yes	Diffused Aeration
Nutrient Removal	No	
Tertiary Treatment	Yes	Final Settlement

The overall compliance of the final effluent with the Emission Limit Values (ELVs) is shown below. More detailed information on the below ELV's can be found in Section 2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration.

1.3 ELV Overview

1.3.1 NOBBER WWTP

Compliance Status	
Were all parameters compliant for NOBBER WWTP treatment plant	No
Where non compliant see Table 2.2.1 for details of parameters	

1.4 Sludge Removal

The amount of sludge removed from the wastewater treatment plant is shown below along with the transported destination of the sludge from the treatment plant.

Treatment Plant	Sludge type	Quantity	Unit	% Dry Solids	Destination
NOBBER WWTP	Liquid Sludge	481.2	Weight (Tonnes)	0.5	Navan WWTP

Annual Statement of Measures

In 2018, the Nobber WWTP had a number of significant improvements works carried out to the plant including a newly installed diffuse aeration system, a new storm water holding tank and overflow, together with flow meter and composite samplers. Process optimisations are still working with the contractor to attain optimum process control criteria and maximise plant efficiency.

2 MONITORING REPORTS SUMMARY

2.1 Summary report on monthly influent monitoring

A summary of influent monitoring for the treatment plant is presented in below. This monitoring is primarily undertaken in order to determine the overall efficiency of the plant in removing pollutants from the raw wastewater.

2.1.1 Influent Monitoring Summary - NOBBER WWTP

Parameters	Number of Samples	Annual Max	Annual Mean
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	6	445	292.45
Total Nitrogen mg/l	5	109	59
Suspended Solids mg/l	6	529	239.75
COD-Cr mg/l	6	735	469.53
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	4	10.8	7.11
Hydraulic Capacity		285.1	73.76

If other inputs in the form of sludge / leachate are added to the WWTP then these are included in Section 3.5 if applicable.

Significance of Results:

The annual mean hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2. The annual maximum hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2.

2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration

2.2.1 Effluent Monitoring Summary - NOBBER WWTP

Parameter	WWDL ELV (Schedule A)	ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included ^{Note 1}	Interim % reduction from influent concentration	Number of sample results	Number of exceedances	Number of with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
pH pH units	0	0	0	1	0	0	7.67	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	4.5	5.4	0	6	3	1	3.99	Fail
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0	0	0	3	0	0	2.97	Pass
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	0	6	0	0	38.07	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	0	6	0	0	9.07	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	0	6	0	0	8.6	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	0	0	0	5	0	0	14.9	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	5	6	0	6	0	0	0.46	Pass

Notes:

1– This represents the Emission Limit Values after the Interpretation provided for under Condition 2 of the licence is applied

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Not Applicable.

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence. There were 3 exceedances in relation to the Ortho-P ELV, one of which was above the Condition 2 ELV. The impact on the receiving water is assessed in Section 2.3.

2.3 Ambient monitoring summary

A summary of monitoring from ambient monitoring points associated with the wastewater discharge is provided in the sections below. For discharges to rivers upstream (U/S) and downstream (D/S) location data is provided. For other ambient points in lakes, coastal or transitional waters, monitoring data from the most appropriate monitoring station is selected.

2.3.1 Ambient Monitoring Report Summary - NOBBER WWTP

The table below provides details of ambient monitoring locations and details of any designations as sensitive areas.

2.3.2 Ambient Monitoring Parameter Summary - NOBBER WWTP

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Status
Upstream	281820, 286790	TPEFF2300D0487SW001	No	No	No	No	Poor
Downstream	283051, 285779	TPEFF2300D0487SW001	No	No	No	No	Unassigned

The table below provides a summary of monitoring results for designated ambient monitoring points. The upstream and downstream annual mean values are shown (mg/l), and the difference between both monitoring stations is given as a percentage of the Environmental Quality Standard (EQS) where relevant.

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	RS06D010150	75.71	RS06D010200	70.66		
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS06D010150	1.149	RS06D010200	1.051	2.6	-3.8
Nitrite (as N) µg/l	RS06D010150	19.71	RS06D010200	18.09		
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS06D010150	0.026	RS06D010200	0.031	0.075	7.1
Total Hardness (as CaCO₃) mg/l	RS06D010150	169.2	RS06D010200	190		
pH pH units	RS06D010150	7.74	RS06D010200	7.7		
Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	RS06D010150	9.88	RS06D010200	9.26		
Alkalinity-total (as CaCO₃) mg/l	RS06D010150	147.4	RS06D010200	162.2		
Chloride mg/l	RS06D010150	16.06	RS06D010200	16.48		
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	RS06D010150	0.81	RS06D010200	0.84		
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS06D010150	0.064	RS06D010200	0.057	0.14	-4.9
Total Nitrogen mg/l	RS06D010150	2.19	RS06D010200	2.34		

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Conductivity @25°C µS/cm	RS06D010150	357.6	RS06D010200	394.2		
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	RS06D010150	0.77	RS06D010200	0.83		
True Colour mg/litre Pt Co	RS06D010150	30.2	RS06D010200	29.6		
Temperature °C	RS06D010150	9.84	RS06D010200	9.68		

Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was not compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

The ambient monitoring results meet the required EQS. Where the ambient monitoring results meet the required EQS this relates to the Oxygenation and Nutrient Conditions set out in the Surface Water Regulations 2009.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable negative impact on the water quality.

The discharge from the WWTP has no observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

3 OPERATIONAL REPORTS SUMMARY

3.1 Treatment Efficiency Report

Treatment efficiency is based on the removal of key pollutants from the influent wastewater by the treatment plant. In essence the calculation is based on the balance of load coming into the plant versus the load leaving the plant. The efficiency is presented as a percentage removal rate.

A summary presentation of the efficiency of the treatment process including information for all the parameters specified in the licence is included below:

3.1.1 Treatment Efficiency Report Summary - NOBBER WWTP

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)
TP	171.4	72.28	57.83
COD	13181.79	1068.68	91.89
TN	1451.82	366.55	74.75
SS	6731.01	241.31	96.42
cBOD	8210.35	254.59	96.9

Note: The above data is based on sample results for the number of dates reported.

3.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary

Treatment capacity is an assessment of the hydraulic (flow) and organic (the amount of pollutants) load a treatment plant is designed to treat versus the current loading of that plant.

NOBBER WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m³/day) - As Constructed	450
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	150
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m³/day)	285.1
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	73.76
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	600
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)	625
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	0
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	Yes

3.3 Complaints Summary

A summary of complaints of an environmental nature is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints
There is no Complaint data included in the AER.			

3.4 Reported Incidents Summary

Environmental incidents that arise in an agglomeration are reported on an on-going basis in accordance with our waste water discharge licences. Where an incident occurs and it is reportable under the licence, it is reported to the Environmental Protection Agency through their Environmental Data Exchange Network, or in some instances by telephone. Some incidents which arise in the agglomeration are recorded by Irish Water but may not be reportable under our licence for example where the incident does not have an impact on environmental performance.

A summary of reported incidents is included below.

3.4.1 Summary of Incidents

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Non-compliance	WWTP not designed for P removal	2	No	No
Other	Plant or equipment maintenance at WWTP	1	No	No

3.4.2 Summary of Overall Incidents

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2018	3
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2018	3
Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above	N/A

3.5 Sludge / Other inputs to the WWTP

'Other inputs' to the waste water treatment plant are summarised in table below

Input type	Quantity	Unit	P.E.	% of load to WWTP	Included in Influent Monitoring (Y/N)?	Is there a leachate/sludge acceptance procedure for the WWTP?	Is there a dedicated leachate/sludge acceptance facility for the WWTP? ² (Y/N)
There is no Sludge and Other Input data for the Treatment Plant included in the AER.							

4 INFRASTRUCTURAL ASSESSMENTS AND PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS

4.1 Storm Water Overflow Identification and Inspection Report

A summary of the operation of the storm water overflows and their significance where known is included below:

No Appendix Included.

4.1.1 SWO Identification

WWDL Name / Code for Storm Water Overflow	Irish Grid Ref.	Included in Schedule A4 of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow (High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2018 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2018 (m ³)	Monitoring Status
There are no Storm Water Overflows in this Agglomeration.							

4.1.2 Inspection Summary Report

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m ³)?	N/A
Is each SWO identified as not meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	N/A
The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?	N/A
Have the EPA been advised of any additional SWOs / charges to Schedule C3 and A4 under Condition 1.7?	N/A

4.2 Report on progress made and proposals being developed to meet the improvement programme requirements.

4.2.1 Specified Improvement Programme Summary

A wastewater discharge licence may require a number of reports on specific subject areas to be prepared for the agglomeration in question. These reports are submitted to the EPA as part of the Annual Environmental Report. This section provides list of the various reports required for this agglomeration and a brief summary of their recommendations.

Specified Improvement Programmes (under Schedule A and C of WWDL)	Licence Schedule	Licence Completion Date	Date Expired? (N/NA/Y)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
There are no Specified Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.						

A summary of the status of any improvements identified by under Condition 5.2 is included below.

4.2.2 Improvement Programme Summary

Improvement Identifier	Improvement Description	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
There are no Improvements Programme for this Agglomeration.				

4.2.3 Sewer Integrity Risk Assessment

The utilisation of multiple capital maintenance programmes and the outputs of the workshops with the Local Authority Operations Staff held under the programme can be used to satisfy the requirements of Condition 5 regarding network integrity. Improvement works identified by way of these programmes and workshops will be included in the Improvements Summary Table.

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5.a Licence Specific Reports Summary Table

Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER	Reference to relevant section of AER
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2014	No	

6 CERTIFICATION AND SIGN OFF

6.1 Summary of AER Contents

Parameter	Answer
Does the AER include an Executive Summary?	Yes
Does the AER include an assessment of the performance of the Waste Water Works (i.e. have the results of assessments been interpreted against WWDL requirements and or Environmental Quality Standards)?	Yes
Is there a need to advise the EPA for consideration of a Technical Amendment / Review of the licence?	Yes
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	New SWO from Storm Tank
Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modifications to the existing WWDL?	No
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	N/A
Have these processes commenced?	No
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER	N/A

I certify that the information given in this Annual Environmental Report is truthful, accurate and complete:

Date: 19/03/2019

This AER has been produced by Irish Water's Environmental Information System (EIMS) and has been electronically signed off in that system for and on behalf of,

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7 APPENDIX

There are no Appendices included.