

CONSENT NO: 1845/25/1

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT & RURAL AFFAIRS

Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

Consent to Discharge of Effluent

TO: [REDACTED]
122B Dublin Road
Quarry House
Quarry Lane
Newry
Co Down
BT35 8QP

The Department of Agriculture Environment & Rural Affairs in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 HEREBY CONSENTS to your making a discharge into the Waterway via a Sub-Surface Irrigation System at Irish Grid Reference J 08454 24232 in accordance with the application dated 02 March 2025 in respect of a discharge of Sewage Effluent arising from a Private Clinic situated at 122B Dublin Road, Newry, Co. Down, BT35 8QP.

SUBJECT TO the following conditions:

1. The effluent from the sewage treatment works shall be discharged to the waterway via a sub-surface irrigation system which shall not be less than 100 metres in length.
2. The effluent discharged from the sewage treatment works to the sub-surface irrigation system shall not:
 - (a) have a biochemical oxygen demand in excess of **10** milligrams per litre (measured after 5 days at 20⁰C with nitrification suppressed by the addition of allyl-thiourea);
 - (b) contain suspended solids in excess of **15** milligrams per litre (measured after drying at 105⁰C);
 - (c) contain ammoniacal nitrogen (expressed as N) in excess of **10** milligrams per litre;
 - (d) exceed **1.2** cubic metre(s) per day;
 - (e) contain any visible oil or grease;

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- (f) contain any substance (other than as defined above) which will cause the waterway or water in an underground stratum to be toxic or injurious to fish or other aquatic organisms;
 - (g) contain any substance (other than as defined above) to such an extent as to cause the receiving waters, or any waters of which the receiving waters are a tributary, to be poisonous or injurious to the spawning grounds, spawn or food of fish in those waters, or otherwise cause damage to the ecology of those waters.
3. All surface water shall be excluded from the system.
 4. The discharge to the environment shall consist only of sewage effluent.
 5. Facilities shall be available to ensure that a representative sample of the discharge can be obtained. The sampling point shall be at a purpose-built chamber immediately after the sewage treatment works.
 6. The sample point for this discharge shall be labelled and maintained so that it is freely available and accessible to authorised officers of the Department.
 7. Authorised officers of the Department shall be allowed to readily and safely obtain a sample of the effluent, measurement of flow, images of discharge or other data relative to the discharge at all times.
 8. The consent holder shall enter into a contract with either the supplier of the sewage treatment works, or other competent body, to maintain optimum performance of the system at all times. Maintenance and service history documentation shall be available for inspection by the Department on request.
 9. **An alarm shall be provided to warn of power or plant failure.**
 10. Under the requirements of the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 **all** oil storage must comply with the appropriate requirements as laid out in the regulations. Oil in the regulations is defined as: "any kind of oil, including diesel, heating, waste, vegetable and plant oil". The only exemptions to the regulations are: (a) any property used mainly as a private dwelling if the storage capacity is 3500 litres or less, (b) any storage below 200 litres, (c) any storage on a farm if the storage is used in connection with agriculture, (d) any premises regulated by COMAH or (e) any container wholly underground.
 11. Bunds shall be provided around all chemical storage tanks to reduce the risk of pollution of waterways and groundwater from spillage or leakage.

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12. The storage of any chemicals or dangerous substances not listed on the original consent application shall be notified immediately to the Department.
13. The consent holder shall be responsible for payment of all annual charges.
14. Should the consent holder change their registered contact address, it is the responsibility of the consent holder to notify the Department of the new address, in writing, within 21 days of the change taking place.
15. **Should the consent holder wish to transfer and/or share responsibility for this consent they must submit an application for transfer of ownership within 21 days of the transfer taking place. The consent holder shall remain liable for compliance with all conditions of the consent and payment of all annual charges until the consent has been updated.**
16. If the consent holder intends to change anything at the site which will impact on the content of this consent and/or the composition or quality of the effluent, then they must make application to the Department for review of this consent. Review application should be made no later than 4 months before the proposed changes will be carried out.

INFORMATIVE

1. This discharge consent may be reviewed at any time, if the area of discharge or any area downstream has been, or becomes, designated under the European Communities Nature Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 or the consent conditions do not meet the requirements of any other European Community Directive.
2. Compliance with the conditions of this consent ensures that this discharge meets the requirements of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007.
3. It is an offence under section 47 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to cause pollution which is subsequently shown to have a deleterious effect on fish stocks.
4. In the catchment areas for both Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough it is an offence under section 41 of the Foyle Fisheries Act (1952) to cause pollution which is detrimental to fisheries interests.

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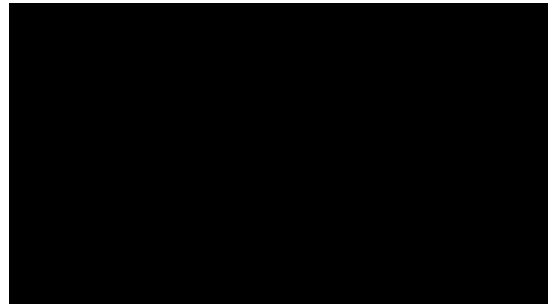
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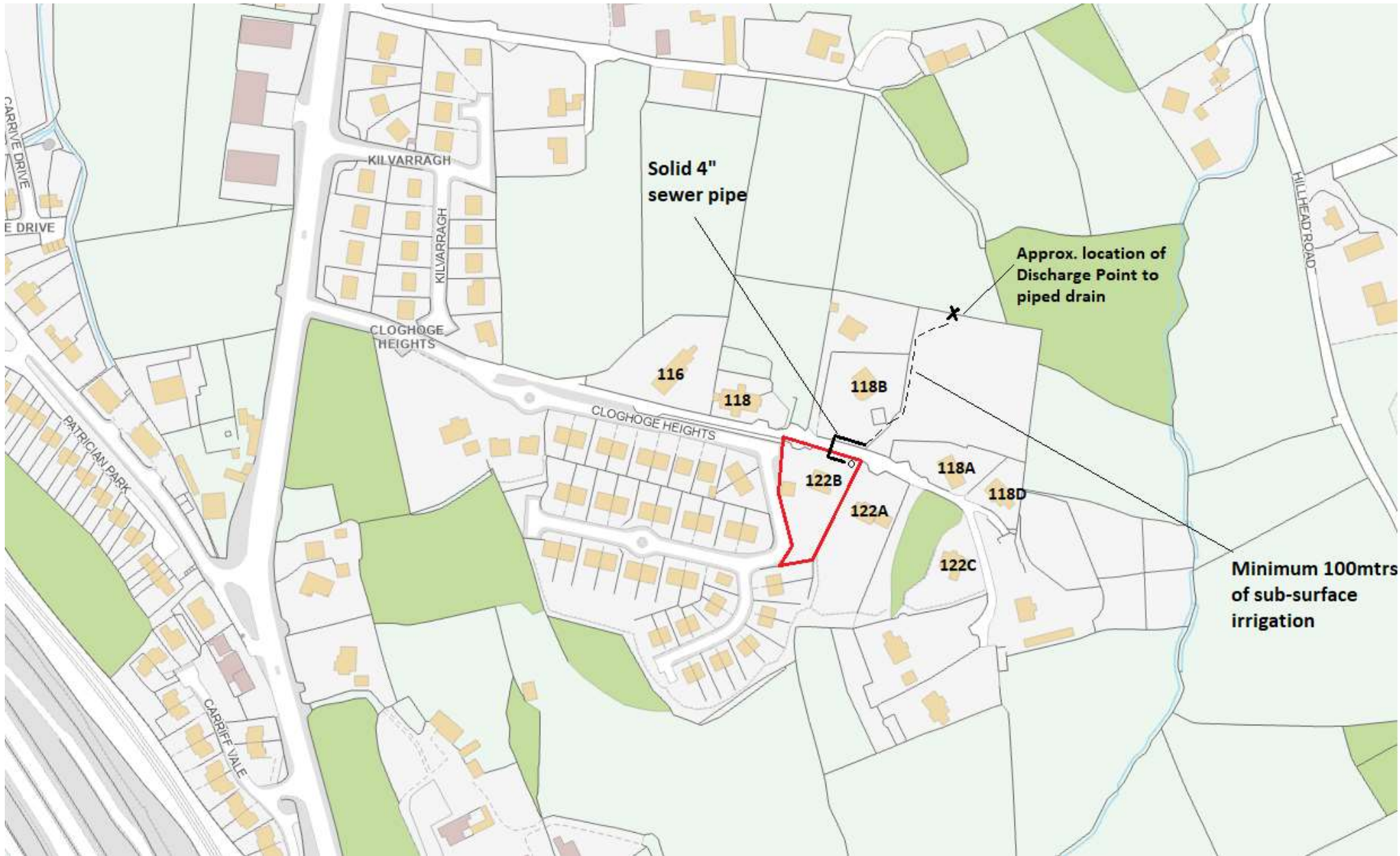
5. Article 10 of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (as amended) states it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly disturb, capture, injure a Harbour seal (*Phoca vitulina*) or Grey seal (*Halichoerus grypus*).
6. This consent does not grant the right of access to or use of third-party land for the installation and/or maintenance of any of the treatment and drainage infrastructure to which this consent relates. It is the responsibility of the consent holder to obtain any third-party wayleave or access permission required.
7. It would be considered good industry practice for the inlet of the sampling chamber to be a minimum of 150mm up from the base of the chamber to facilitate a sampling vessel/cup and the outlet should be at the base of the chamber. The internal diameter should be a minimum of 300mm to allow access for a sampling vessel/cup.

Dated this 8th day of October 2025

***Northern Ireland Environment Agency
Water Regulation Team
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Co Antrim
BT28 3AL***



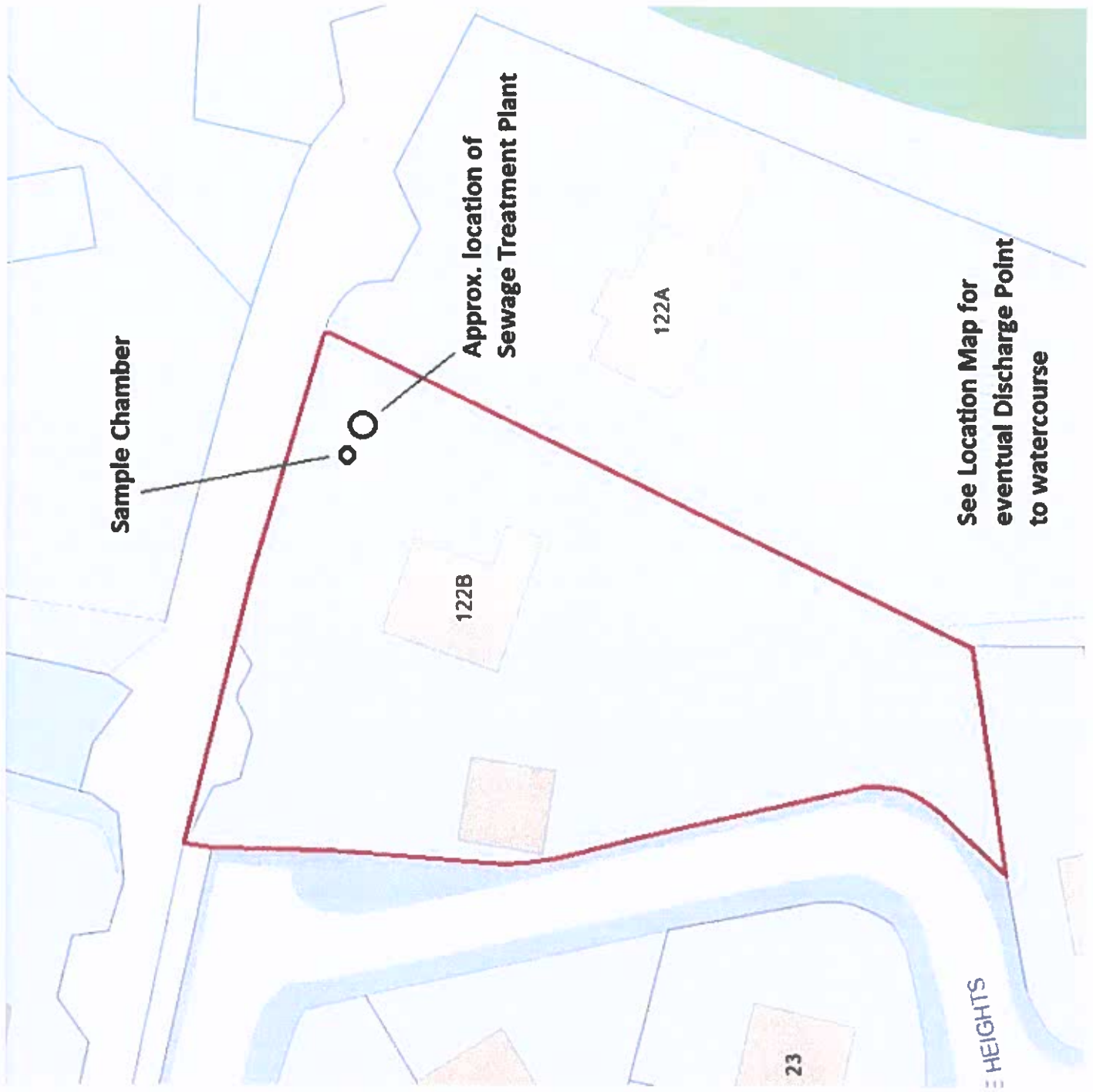
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Solid 4"
sewer pipe

Approx. location of
Discharge Point to
piped drain

Minimum 100mtrs
of sub-surface
irrigation



Sample Chamber

**Approx. location of
Sewage Treatment Plant**

122A

122B

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**See Location Map for
eventual Discharge Point
to watercourse**

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