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1. Introduction

AECOM were commissioned by EP Energy Development Limited ('the Applicant') to produce a Flood Risk & Drainage Assessment (FRDA) in relation to a new Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) plant and all associated ancillary development and connection infrastructure, site works and services ('the Proposed Development') on land within and to the immediate north of Tynagh CCGT Power Station in Loughrea, Co. Galway.

In accordance with 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Nov 09)' there is a requirement to undertake a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) Report, which will accompany the planning application.

AECOM is required to undertake a Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) for the Proposed Development.

The FRA study has been undertaken in consideration of the following guidance document:

The Department of Environment, Heritage, and Local Government (DEHLG 2009) has introduced the
guidelines for planning Authorities - The Planning System and Flood Risk Management. Further, the Office
of Public Works (OPW) and DEHLG work together in assisting technical aspects of the implication of the
guidelines. The guidelines state the requirement of flood risk assessment at the earliest stages of
development under Planning Code.

The report will demonstrate in the following assessments stages:

Stage 1 – Flood risk identification – to identify whether there may be any flooding or surface water management issues related to either the area of regional planning guidelines, development plans and LAP's or a proposed development site.

Stage 2 – Initial flood risk assessment – to confirm sources of flooding that affect a plan area or proposed development site.

Stage 3 – Detailed flood risk assessment – to assess flood risk issues in sufficient detail and to provide a quantitative appraisal of potential flood risk to a proposed or existing development and of the selectiveness of any proposed mitigation measures.

This document is a combined Flood Risk & Drainage Assessment (FRDA), written for Chapter 12 (Water Environment) of the accompanying Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for Tynagh North OCGT. Other environmental impact assessment is beyond the scope of the FRDA (e.g. water quality, hydrogeology, water resources, hydromorphology, etc.) are described in the EIAR.

2. Background Information

2.1. Site Description

2.1.1. Site Location

The site is located approx 1.5 km north of the village of Tynagh, Co. Galway. The proposed development overall project is situated within the site grounds of Tynagh Power Plant, near Loughrea, Co. Galway. The entire site is located within the administrative area of Galway County Council (GCC). The site is controlled by EP Energy Development Limited.

It covers an area of approximately 8.30 ha consisting of industrial (energy) and brownfield site and is bordered to the east by the former Tynagh Mine and to the south by the Tynagh CCGT Power Station.

Figure 1 from the site location plan indicates the red line site boundary. The site boundary encompassing the Proposed Development is included in Appendix A. (Easting: 174427, Northing: 213116, Irish grid reference).

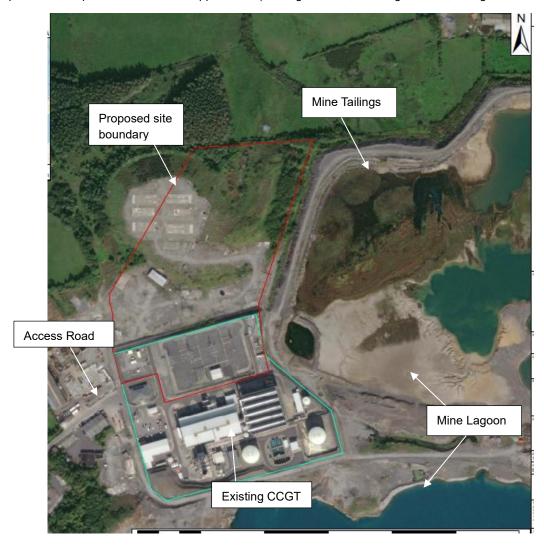


Figure 1: Proposed Development Site Location (Source: www.googlemap.com)

2.1.2. Site Description & Topography

The proposed development is to be located within the existing power station lands on the northern side of the Tynagh Power Station site (Grid Reference E: 174427 N: 213116). The entire site is under the control of EP Energy Development Ltd.

The site on which the proposed development will be located is a combined brownfield and industrial land which will be the location for the new Tynagh North Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) plant and all associated ancillary development and connection infrastructure, site works and services.

The topographic survey of the site was undertaken by Murphy Geospatial in July 2021, and this is used to inform a description of levels at the Proposed Development.

Figure 2 (below) from the topographic survey information indicates that the site slopes from western boundary to centre of the site with levels between 73.4 m to 68.3m Above Ordnance Datum (m AOD). Part of the eastern boundary has a woodland area (not included in the survey). The levels from the end of this area fall in a northwesterly direction, with levels between 72.62 m and 62.1 m AOD. The southern boundary to the Tynagh power station lies between 69.9 m and 67.2 m AOD. Similarly, the southwest boundary decreases from 67.8 m to 64.87 m AOD. Existing gravel roads provide access levels between 72.3 m and 64.1 m AOD.

The undeveloped land on the site will be used for the construction of infrastructure. The existing topography of this land falls from the central west to eastern boundary with levels between 67.2 m and 62.8 m AOD and 71.1 m to 70.5 m AOD. Refer to Appendix B of this document for the topographical survey of the existing site.

The proposed internal access road which will be extended from the existing road located on the eastern side of the power station is at the level of 67.1 m AOD. A newly constructed east-west road will provide access to the proposed fuel oil storage facility. It will run along the periphery of the Switchyard, Air Intake, OCGT, Stack and Fin Fan Coolers. Refer to the Proposed Development site layout included in Appendix C of this report.

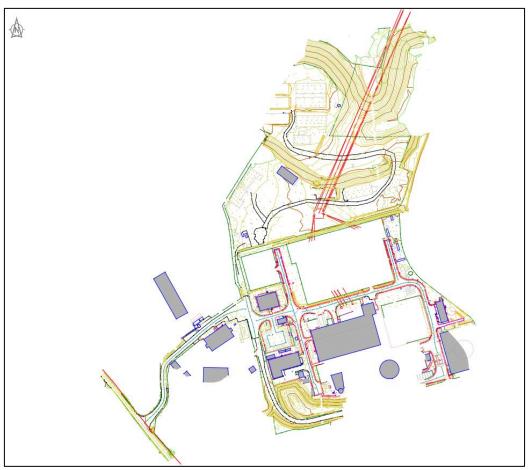


Figure 2: Local Topography

2.1.3. Existing Drainage Network

Refer to Appendix D for record drawings of the current surface water and foul water drainage network at Tynagh Power Station. The drawing indicates that the existing power station site is positively drained to the eastern boundary of the site where the on-site wastewater treatment plant is located. More details regarding the existing drainage network are provided in Section 5 of this report.

The topographic survey indicates that the gravel area located along the western boundary and the central area of the proposed site has existing drainage infrastructure.

2.2. Geology

A review of the Geological Survey of Ireland Spatial Resources (GSISR) provides datasets for bedrock, quaternary, groundwater, marine, geological heritage etc. The online mapping (Figure 3 below) indicates the site is underlain by dark limestone and shale. The formation comprises dark-grey to black, fine-grained, occasionally cherty, micritic limestones that weather paler, usually to pale grey. There are rare dark coarsergrained calcarenitic limestones, sometimes graded, and interbedded dark-grey calcar

Natural infiltration rates are therefore likely to be high; however, any infiltration rates specified in the final drainage design (if applicable) should be determined by in-situ testing to BRE Digest 365 specifications.

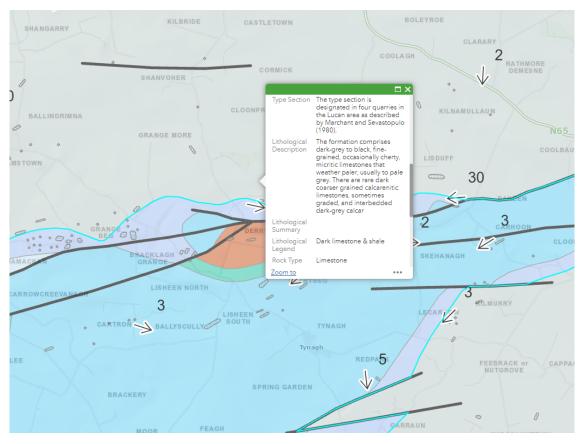


Figure 3: Bedrock Geology 100k (Group) - GSISR Index

2.3. Watercourses

OPWs national flood information portal provides location specific access to flood risk and flood management information. The website floodInfo.ie provides interactive map to view up-to-date flood hazard, flood risk, drainage map etc information.

Drainage map is subdivided into Arterial Drainage Scheme (ADS), Drainage Districts (DD) and Land Commission (LC). As per ADS, the channels layer identifies the watercourses. which. This arterial channel links is C1/20/5/3, C1/20/5/2, C1/20/5, C1/20, C1 (Kilcrow River). The Kilcrow river is located approximately 2.3 km to the northwest from the proposed development and flows in a southward's direction forming a confluence with Duniry River. The Duniry River also discharges in the Lough Derg - 12km south of the proposed site. Further, River Shannon flows approximately 17km east of the site. The Shannon River flows from the north from Athlone southwards and south westerly towards Lough Derg.

Figure 4 below is extracted from the floodinfo.ie mapping website, indicating the location of arterial channels within the site constraints. It also indicates that there is a stream to the south of the existing enclosed lagoon (C1/20/3/1). It is estimated that the stream is located approximately 500m south of the Proposed Development. It flows in an easterly direction where it forms a confluence with the Kilcrow River.

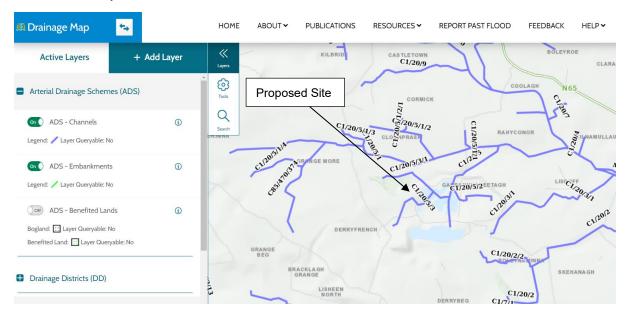


Figure 4: Location of nearby watercourses (Source: www.floodinfo.ie)

2.3.1. Flood Defences

There are no flood defences located on the proposed site or within the vicinity of the site.

2.3.2. Artificial Waterbodies

At its closest point to Tynagh Mine, which is an enclosed in open water (lagoon), the site is located approximately 280m to the eastern boundary of the site. Further Tynagh Mine tailings ponds form open water bodies which are approximately 500m to the south boundary of the Site at their closest point. Figure 5 shows the location of mine waterbodies within site constraints and Figure 6 below shows a photograph of the existing Mine lagoon.



Figure 5: Location of Artificial waterbodies (Source: www.googlemap.com)



Figure 6: Photograph of Existing Lagoon

3. Stage 1 - Flood Risk Identification

The purpose of Stage 1 is to establish whether a flood-risk issue exists or may exist in the future. If there is a potential flood risk issue then, in accordance with 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DOEHLG 2009)', the flood risk assessment procedure should move to 'Stage 2 – Initial Flood Risk Assessment'. If no potential flood risk is identified during Stage 1 then the overall flood risk assessment can be concluded.

The following information and data have been collated as part of the screening assessment for the Proposed Development.

As part of the Government's Strategy Office of Public Works (OPW), Ireland has assessed and mapped the flood extent, hazard, and risk for a range of flood events from frequent, minor flood events up to very rare, extreme events. The OPW hosts an online interactive map viewer illustrating Flood Hazard Maps (https://www.floodinfo.ie/map/floodmaps/) describe the characteristics of the predicted flood for each scenario and include information such as flood extent, flood depth and level, and the flow of floodwater.

An interactive mapping tool illustrates flood maps (fluvial), flood plans, drainage maps (pluvial), and coastal maps (coastal) in both detailed and estimated form. Detailed modelling has been completed in many of the highly populated urban areas in Ireland with all other locations strategically estimated in regard to flood extent and inundation.

3.1. Hydrometric Data

Existing sources of hydrometric data from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/Water) were investigated, as summarised in Table 1. This investigation has determined that there is only one gauging station (Irish Grid Reference: X= 177222; Y= 213439) approximately 3km to the east of the Site as shown in Figure 7.

The gauging station is located on the Kilcrow River which is classified as a stream in the hydrometric data summary in Table 1.

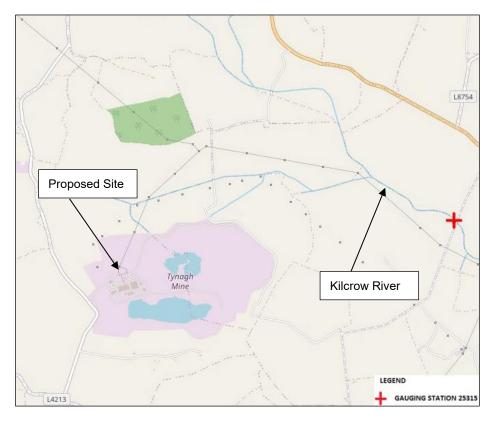


Figure 7: Location of Hydrometric Gauging Station

Table 1 summarises the hydrometric data associated with Gauging Station 25315 and indicates the status of the gauging station as inactive.

Station No.	Name	Status	Waterbody	Owner	Available Data
25315	Coolbaun West	Inactive	Stream	Galway C Council	county Spot flow measurements only - No continuous water level or flow records available.

Table 1 Hydrometric Gauging Station

3.2. OPW Hazard Maps and Historic Flood

The Office of Public Works (OPW) Flood Hazard Maps Website (www.floodmaps.ie) is cross checked in relation to available historical or anecdotal information on any flooding incidences or occurrence in the vicinity of the Site.

No flood events have been recorded within the Site boundary. Figure 8 and Table 2 below shows mapping from the aforementioned website, which indicates that there is one recurring flood event (ID: 1923) approximately 1km southwest of the Site. The remaining flooding incidents are greater than 2.5km from the Site, and the OPW Flood Hazard Map only describes flooding incidents within 2.5km from the Site.

ID No.	Event Type	Title	Description		
ID-1923 Recurring		Bracklagh Grange, Tynagh	-Low lying land floods every year after heavy rain.		
Table 2: Historic Flood Events					

While no flood history is recorded within the Site, this may be due to the historical usage of the existing mine site and the presence of surface waterbodies and the network of nearby streams discharging to the Kilcrow River.

Figure 9 below displays a screen shot of the flood map generated at the site location indicates the extents of the past flood events and extents. A very small portion of the existing mine lagoon is defined as a historic flood area (Winter 2015/2016 Surface Water Flooding) located approximately 500m south to the Site.

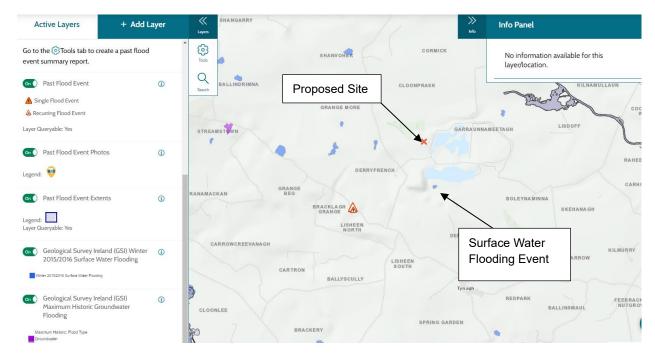


Figure 9: Historic Surface water Flooding (Source: www.floodinfo.ie)

3.3. Groundwater Wells and Springs

An investigation into the rise and abstraction of water from underground wells and springs (Figure 9) around the former mine site was taken from the Department of Communications, Climate Change and Environment (http://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com). This was to identify if there are any areas of rising groundwater that could contribute to flooding.

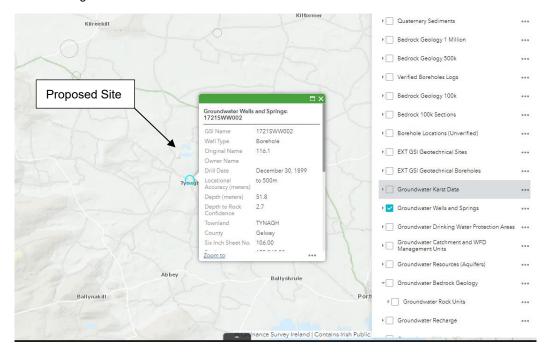


Figure 10: Groundwater Wells and Springs (Source: dcenr.maps.arcgis.com)

The mapping of local groundwater wells, springs in Figure 10 indicates the nearest borehole is located approximately 1.4km to the south of the Site. Records indicate the borehole (GSI Name - 1721SWW002) is used for agriculture and domestic uses.

3.4. OPW Land Benefitting Maps

Arterial Drainage Schemes (ADSs) were carried out under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945 to improve land for agriculture and to mitigate flooding. Rivers, lakes, weirs and bridges were modified to enhance conveyance, embankments were built to control the movement of flood water and various other work was carried out under Part II of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945.

The purpose of the schemes was to improve land for agriculture, to ensure that the three-year flood was retained in bank, this was achieved by lowering water levels during the growing season to reduce waterlogging on the land beside watercourses known as callows. Flood protection in the benefiting lands was increased as a result of the Arterial Drainage Schemes. It is noted that these schemes were only designed to retain the three-year flood which is a standard well below what would be required for development of any land.

Figure 11 indicates the stream network to the north and the northwest of the Site benefits from OPW Arterial Drainage Schemes, with the closest scheme being the C1/20/5/3 Killimor/ Cappagh scheme.

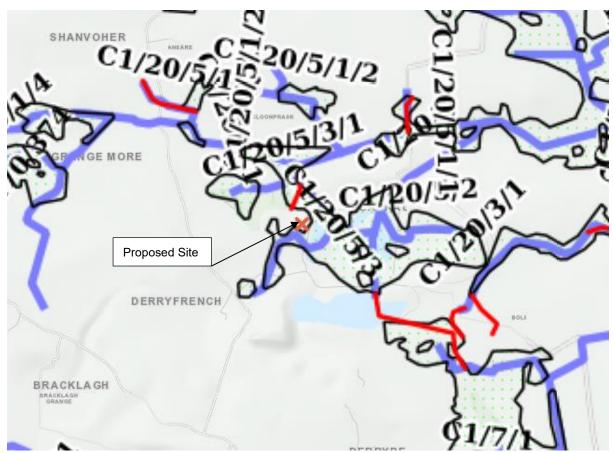


Figure 11: Land Benefitted from OPW Schemes

It is noted that some of the channels have since been infilled and abandoned or relocated as the former, now closed, Tynagh Mine site developed over time.

3.5. Flooding from Overland Flow

EP Energy Developments Limited have provided AECOM with information relating to minor historic flooding incidents on the western boundary of the Tynagh Power station CCGT Site (but not on the Proposed Site) dating from November 2009 and December 2015. From the information provided and following discussions with the client and site inspection, AECOM have concluded that these isolated incidents are caused by prolonged rainfall events leading to saturated ground conditions and higher than normal runoff from the surrounding areas.

It is considered that the topography of the area may result in overland flow being generated within the catchment upstream of the existing CCGT Power Station Site which then uses the LP4310 Gurtymaden (note-some public documents refer to this road as Gortymadden) to Tynagh Road as a flow path. The access road to the Site allows flow to escape from the LP4310 Gurtymaden to Tynagh Road. An existing hard area external to the

CCGT Power Station site entrance, which sits in a slight depression, has limited surface water drainage measures, which when combined with the overland flow, leads to a small ponding of water, to a depth of circa 300mm.

During the past flooding events the onsite teams have deployed precautionary sandbags and pumps to prevent the overland flows potentially reaching the existing CCGT Power Station site. A land drain has also been constructed along the western boundary of the Site that takes flows in a northerly direction which is considered to have alleviated the situation. The topography of the area is such that flows would have originally travelled in a north-easterly direction and so displacement of flows was not occurring without the development of this land drain.

Historically, additional pumping has also been deployed from the existing CCGT Power Station water treatment facility to the adjacent lagoon due the volume of surface water being experienced overwhelming the storage available. Permission has been obtained from EPA prior to this pumping taking place and it should be noted that the Power Station has not been flooded or been encroached by ponded flood water and has never had to shut down due to flooding.

The existing CCGT Power Station operational team has also developed a dedicated section of their "Off-Site Events with On-Site Impacts" emergency procedures relating to flooding which includes the following actions:

- Ensure all drains are clear of debris, including those off-site;
- Evacuation of areas of site which are at risk of flooding;
- Liaise with site neighbours for a co-ordinated response;
- Setup of flood water protection barrier;
- Setup of visible barriers to indicate the location of trenches and flood protection barriers;
- If necessary, contact EPA for permission to pump directly to discharge lake; and
- Monitor discharge pumps and regularly sample for water quality.

Given the above events that have occurred and the development of mitigation measures, AECOM are of the opinion that the risk of flooding from overland flow can be managed to a level that reduces the risk to low. Additional drainage design measures can also be introduced in this area such as localised regrading of levels by circa 300-500mm to cut-off the flow path into the Proposed Development and negating the need for emergency sand bagging.

3.6. Conclusion - Stage 1

The purpose of scoping stage 1 is to identify whether there may be any flooding or surface water management issues. It indicates that fluvial flooding of the Site from the Kilcrow River is unlikely. The topographical assessment indicates that existing topographic levels would allow excessive flow from the network of streams away from the Site.

Historic flood hazard map indicates one event, located greater than 2.5km away from the site. In the vicinity of the Tynagh Power station site, there are groundwater sources that indicate surface floods during prolonged periods of rain.

The groundwater flooding mapping provided, it appears that this area is referring to the lagoon which is located outside and to the south of the OCGT Site boundary. Furthermore, the topography of the Site and the immediate surrounds shows that any flooding from this location would flow away from the Site.

Existing surface water drainage records (Tynagh Power Station) attached as Appendix D indicate surface water runoff intercepted at the site is treated onsite and is then discharged to the existing lagoon to the south of the existing site. Embankments around the lagoon are raised to prevent treated surface water runoff from overflowing onto the site. Specific emergency procedures are in place for flooding should a repeat event occur.

There are no springs and groundwater discharges recorded in the immediate vicinity of the Site. The Department of Communications, Climate Change and Environment (http://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com) identifies the area south of the existing site and areas to the north of the existing site to be possibly at risk of flooding from groundwater

4. Stage 2 – Initial Flood Risk Assessment

In consideration of the flood risk identification, this assessment is required to proceed to 'Stage 2 – Flood Risk Assessment'. The screening assessment requires the groundwater levels to be discussed in detail. In order to undertake the initial flood assessment, following determinations are required:

- flood zone in which the Site is located.
- · vulnerability of the proposed works,
- type of development and flood zone designation and
- environmental impact assessment.

4.1. Determination of Vulnerability

The vulnerability of the proposed works is classified into three classes as given in Table 3 below.

Vulnerability class	Land uses and types of development*
Highly vulnerable development (including essential infrastructure)	Garda, ambulance and fire stations and command centres required to be operational during flooding; Hospitals; Emergency access and egress points; Schools; Dwelling houses, student halls of residence and hostels; Residential institutions such as residential care homes, children's homes and social services homes; Caravans and mobile home parks; Dwelling houses designed, constructed or adapted for the elderly or, other people with impaired mobility; and Essential infrastructure, such as primary transport and utilities distribution, including electricity generating power stations and substations, water and sewage treatment, and potential significant sources of pollution (SEVESO sites, IPPC sites, etc.) in the event of flooding.
Less vulnerable development	Buildings used for: retail, leisure, warehousing, commercial, industrial and non-residential institutions; Land and buildings used for holiday or short-let caravans and camping (subject to specific warning and evacuation plans); Land and buildings used for agriculture and forestry; Waste treatment (except landfill and hazardous waste); Mineral working and processing; and Local transport infrastructure.
Water-compatible development	Flood control infrastructure; Docks, marinas and wharves; Navigation facilities; Ship building, repairing and dismantling, dockside fish processing and refrigeration and compatible activities requiring a waterside location; Water-based recreation and tourism (excluding sleeping accommodation); Lifeguard and coastguard stations; Amenity open space, outdoor sports and recreation and essential facilities such as changing rooms; and Essential ancillary sleeping or residential accommodation for staff required by uses in this category (subject to a specific warning and evacuation plan).

^{*} Uses not listed here should be considered on their own merits

Table 3: Classification of Vulnerability (Source: The Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities)

The guidelines would indicate that the Proposed Development, as an OCGT electricity generating power station, should be considered to be **highly vulnerable development**.

4.2. Determination of Flood Zone

In accordance with 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DOEHLG 2009)', there are three flood zones designated in the consideration of flood risk to a particular site. The three flood zones are described in 4.

Flood Zone	Description
Flood Zone A	Where the probability of flooding from watercourses is the highest (greater than 1% or 1 in 100 year for watercourse flooding or 0.5% or 1 in 200 for coastal flooding).
Flood Zone B	Where the probability of flooding from watercourses is moderate (between 0.1% or 1 in 1000 year and 1% or 1 in 100 year for watercourse flooding and between 0.1% or 1 in 1000 year and 0.5% or 1 in 200 for coastal flooding).
Flood Zone C	Where the probability of flooding from watercourses and the sea is low or negligible (less than 0.1% or 1 in 1000 year for both watercourse and coastal flooding). Flood Zone C covers all areas which are not in Zones A or B.

Table 4: Flood Zone Description (Source: The Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities)

The planning implications for each of the flood zones are described in detail in The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines available on https://www.opr.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2009-Planning-System-Flood-Risk-Mgmt-1.pdf

4.2.1. Fluvial Flooding

Figure 12 (clipping from website) below displays a screen shot of the flood map generated at the site location and indicates the extents of the present day predicted fluvial flood plain for a 10 year (high probability), 100 year (medium probability) and 1000 year (low probability) year return period.

The modelled flood mapping indicates that the Project Site is not in a 'Flood Risk Zone' (i.e., Flood Zone C). As described in the guidelines, development in Zone C is appropriate from a flood risk perspective (subject to assessment of flood hazard from sources other than rivers and the coast) but would need to meet the normal range of other proper planning and sustainable development considerations.

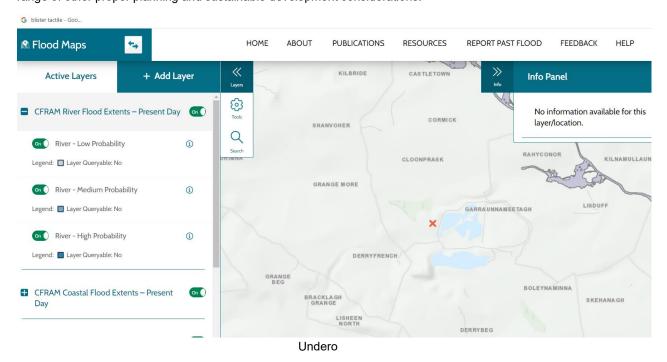


Figure 12: Flood Hazard Extents (Source: OPW - www.floodinfo.ie)

4.2.2. Pluvial Flooding

Sewer records for the existing Tynagh Power Station development are provided in Appendix D. The records and site inspection information indicate the existing site is served by an on-site private surface water sewer network. The surface water drainage network intercepts surface water runoff from the road network and hardstanding areas at the buildings and conveys the surface water runoff to an onsite treatment plant. Treated surface water is then discharged to the existing (former mine) lagoon to the south of the existing site under the existing site licence and discharge consent. Figure 5 indicates the embankments around the lagoon are raised to prevent treated surface water runoff from overflowing onto the site.

4.2.3. Coastal Flooding

Figure 13 (clipping from website) below displays a screen shot of the coastal map generated at the site location and indicates the extents of the present day predicted coastal flood plain for a 10 year (high probability), 100 year (medium probability) and 1000 year (low probability) year return period.

Although geographically, the Proposed Development Site is quite a distant from coastal area; the risk of coastal/sea flooding to the site has also been cross checked. From the Coastal Flood Extents maps confirm that

the site is not at risk from a 1 in 200 year (0.5% AEP) coastal/sea flood event. This mapping includes a consideration of sea level rise due to climate change.

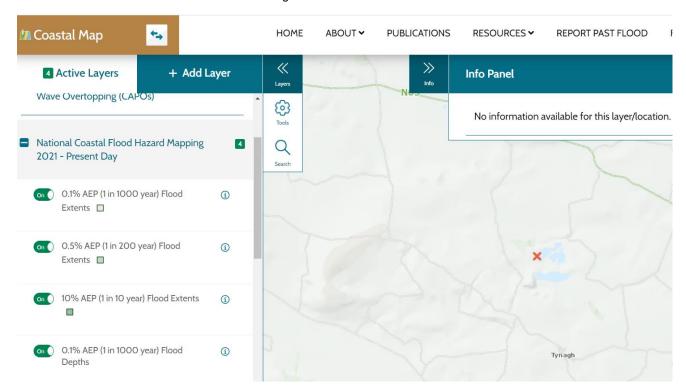


Figure 13: Coastal Flooding Extent (Source: OPW - www.floodinfo.ie)

4.3. Justification Test

The requirement for a justification test was reviewed for this study to determine whether the Proposed Development would be considered acceptable in terms of flood risk. The conclusion of 'Stage 1 – Flood Risk Identification' called for the vulnerability of the Proposed Development to be characterised in terms of defining its corresponding Flood Zone and the Sites appropriate use.

The requirement for a Justification Test is determined based on the type of development and flood zone designation as indicated in Table 5 below.

	Flood Zone A	Flood Zone B	Flood Zone C
Highly Vulnerable Development	Justification Test	Justification Test	Appropriate
Less Vulnerable Development	Justification Test	Appropriate	Appropriate
Water-Compatible Development	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate

Table 5: Justification Test Matrix (Source: The Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities)

Given the determination of the Site is located is Flood Zone C and is characterised as a 'Highly Vulnerable Development', the application of the justification test will not be required as it is categorised as **Appropriate**.

4.4. Environmental Impact Assessment

At the project or development level, exceeding specified thresholds or development under threshold but with significant environmental effects and in an area at risk of flooding requires Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Refer to EIAR chapter 12 Water Environment for detailed assessment.

4.5. Conclusion: Stage 2

The purpose of the scoping stage 2 is to identify possible flood risks and to implement the necessary level of detail required to assess these possible flood risks, and to ensure these can be adequately addressed in the FRA. The scoping exercise should also identify that sufficient quantitative information is already available to complete an FRA appropriate to the scale and nature of the development.

The evidence provided in the Stage 2 Assessment (underpinned by the Stage 1 Assessment and the topographic survey assessment) indicates the Site and Proposed Development would not be at fluvial risk from the network of streams flowing nearby. The Galway County Council SFRA indicates the Site lies in Flood Zone C (i.e., at low risk of fluvial flooding). Additionally, the Stage 2 assessment revealed the Site is characterised as 'Highly Vulnerable', and therefore the application of the Justification Test would not be required.

5. Stage 3 - Detailed Flood Risk Assessment

Although from stage 1 and stage 2, the overall flood risk assessment can be concluded as Appropriate development, a detailed flood risk assessment is carried out.

5.1. Proposed Development

The Proposed Development is a separate facility to the existing Tynagh CCGT Power station. A sufficient drainage system will be provided to connect to the existing power station's surface water drainage systems (there will be no requirement to connect to the Tynagh Power Station existing foul water system as there will be no foul water generated). Refer to the Proposed Development layout and site boundary drawings prepared by Architects and attached as Appendix C.

It is estimated that the total area of the Proposed Development site is approximately 8.30 ha, which will require a comprehensive drainage strategy to accommodate the 1.53 ha hardstanding development located on undeveloped (former mine brownfield) land north of the Tynagh Power Station site. The Proposed Development will consist of a new Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) plant and all associated ancillary development and connection infrastructure, site works and services. The details of site development are presented in Chapter 5 of the EIAR.

The area which is to be developed is proposed to be to a finished floor level of 67.5 m AOD. The proposed service road between the fuel oil storage and along the periphery of the OCGT stack and related infrastructure will be set at a profile of approximately 67.5m AOD.

5.2. Foul Drainage

5.2.1. Existing Foul Drainage

The existing Tynagh Power Station site drainage system (located to the south of the Proposed Development) is a gravity fed system which conveys the foul water from the Power Station building, existing warehouse facility, administration building and gate house towards the eastern boundary of the site where the on-site wastewater treatment plant is located. The gravity system is collected via the existing pumping station which pumps the foul water towards the wastewater treatment system. The existing on-site wastewater treatment system is a Klargester BioDisc unit, sand filter unit and then onto a percolation drainage field located along the eastern boundary of the power station site.

Refer to attached Appendix D – Existing site services and drainage layout.

5.2.2. Proposed Foul Drainage

There are no additional proposed foul drainage associated with the Proposed Development and there is no increase in staffing numbers (i.e. no increase in foul water management requirement).

The Proposed Development will not lead to an increase in staff and therefore there will be no additional foul water generated (either from sanitation or process water) and as a result there will be no requirement for increased foul water management at the site over and above existing facilities.

However ensure longevity in performance, the existing Tynagh Power Station Klargester BioDisc wastewater treatment system (which has been in use for circa 15 years) will be replaced with a Klargester Bioficient 5 system which is suitable to cater the daily allowance. The proposed Bioficient system is of comparable size to the existing system and will operate effectively in conjunction with the existing percolation area.

An assessment of the percolation area has been undertaken for inclusion in the 'Site Characterisation Form' submitted with the Planning Statement (refer to Appendix G of this document). It is determined that the existing drainage field and subsoil percolation rates have sufficient capacity to manage the discharge rates from the whole site foul water demands of 0.0416 l/s (based on 150 l/day for up to 24 people = existing staff).

5.2.3. Existing Surface Water Drainage

The existing Tynagh Power station site drains via runoff in line with the engineered falls of the site. The drainage drains from west to east. Refer to the Topographical Survey information attached in Appendix B. From a detailed review of survey and as-built information, the site infrastructure information indicates that the surface water sewer connects south into the wider drainage infrastructure for the existing power station. GPR surveys and as-built information have identified the location of manhole chamber covers for all services (foul and surface) under the road layout and are included in Appendix D.

The site-wide drainage system drains towards the southeast of the site where the surface water discharges into the lagoon at an invert level of 60m AOD. It is assumed that the current drainage system discharges into the lagoon at an unrestricted discharge rate.

In the northern section of the power station site, the undeveloped gravelled land is presumed to rely on drainage from infiltration into the ground and the flow of overland water east into an open ditch bordering the site on the east. The information gathered indicates that the area of land to the west of the site and directly in front of the entrance to the power station historically has been susceptible to overland flooding from the southwest.

The total area of the Proposed Development site is a combination of brownfield and industrial land. Presently, the lands to the north of the existing Tynagh Power Station does not have surface water drainage infrastructure. Undeveloped brownfield land has a gravelled surface and is assumed to be drained from infiltration into the ground. Greenfield land is assumed to have natural infiltration into the ground.

5.2.4. Proposed Surface Water Drainage

The proposed surface water drainage strategy considers the change in land use. The undeveloped land will now accommodate OCGT, stack, air intake, fin fan coolers, fuel oil storage, fuel treatment, service road etc. As this site will be changing from a greenfield site to an impermeable brownfield site, associated hydraulic design is required to mitigate the impact on the capacity of the existing site-wide sewer infrastructure of the power station. A suitable drainage network shall be provided to connect to the existing drainage infrastructure of Tynagh power station. Therefore, for the 1.53 ha of hardstanding area, a below-ground drainage strategy has been developed to show how surface water will be managed before it is connected to the current power station drainage system.

The proposed surface water drainage strategy is based on keeping equivalent peak discharge rate from developed impermeable are to existing greenfield runoff conditions. The peak discharge rate will be based on 1 in 100-year storm event, with the inclusion of a climate change factor additional allowance of rainfall intensity. As a conservative approach, 30% climate change allowance has been considered at this stage.

The surface water drainage will be a positive system (gullies, pipes) and need to be attenuated through below ground storage at a restricted rate. To achieve this, a flow control device, a petrol interceptor for the treatment of any contaminated water from vehicles shall be provided.

There is surface water network provision within the Tynagh power station, as demonstrated in the record drawings. The drainage proposal will ensure that the development site is suitably drained into the existing power station site wide network via gravity. The final discharge point is proposed to be connected can be referred to in Appendix E, the proposed drainage layout. A suitable sized drainage network will be provided for the access & service road drainage with a final chamber to connect into the existing site-wide drainage system.

5.2.4.1. Preliminary Calculation:

The sufficient attenuation area will be provided within the site for storms in excess up to and including the 1 in 100-year storm plus 30% climate change event to ensure there is no flooding of development area, on or off the site. This should be further investigated in detailed design stage.

Overland flow routing exceeding the 1 in 100 years plus 30% climate change storm event should direct flows to a common area within the site having flood depth not exceeding 100mm to ensure access or egress is unrestricted at all times. Checks should also be made to ensure no flooding of properties occur within the site during this scenario.

For the purpose of this detailed drainage assessment; greenfield run-off rates, discharge rate and the attenuation volume required to store the 100-year storm (+ 30% climate change) was calculated using H.R. Wallingford online tool.

Greenfield run-off rate estimation

Greenfield Run-off rate calculations are based on H.R. Walllingford Greenfield runoff rate estimation online tool (UKSuDS.co.uk), refer to Appendix F. Figure 14 clipping below extracted from final results of the runoff rates shows 2.81 l/s for 1 in 100-year time.

Greenfield runoff rates	Default	Edited
Q _{BAR} (I/s):	1.44	1.44
1 in 1 year (l/s):	1.23	1.23
1 in 30 years (l /s):	2.38	2.38
1 in 100 year (I/s):	2.81	2.81
1 in 200 years (l/s):	3.1	3.1

Figure 14: Clipping from Greenfield run off rate report - (Source: HR Wallingford Online tool)

Surface water storage volume estimation

The HR Wallingford FEH Statistical tool was used to pre estimate the storage volume requirements, refer to Appendix F. This tool is not suitable for detailed design of drainage systems. It is recommended that hydraulic modelling software -Microdrainage Source Control shall be used to calculate volume requirements and final drainage layout prior to construction.

The proposed site will cover a total area of 8.30 ha with impermeable area approximately 1.53 ha including hardstanding and service roads (proposed layout included as Appendix C). The impermeable area (1.53 ha) was set at 100% of the overall.

Best practice has shown that where flow rates are less than 5.0 l/s consent for discharge is usually set at 5.0 l/s if blockage from vegetation and other materials is possible.

The tool gives a total storage volume requirement for the proposed strategy of approximately 1468m³ illustrating in Figure 15 below. The storage can be provided by means of oversized pipework/ manhole chambers and/or attenuation tank. Refer to the drainage layout plan which illustrates how the 1468m³ of below ground granular storage will be formed as part of the existing drainage network. This will provide the main storage requirements for the site along with source control and lever of water quality treatment prior to discharging offsite.

Site discharge rates	Default	Edited	Estimated storage volumes	Default	Edited
1 in 1 year (l/s):	5	5	Attenuation storage 1/100 years (m³):	1468	1468
1 in 30 years (l/s):	5	5	Long term storage 1/100 years (m³):	0	0
1 in 100 year (I/s):	5	5	Total storage 1/100 years (m³):	1468	1468

Figure 15: Surface water storage (Source: HR Wallingford Online tool)

Additionally, flood alleviation provision shall be provided by through a raised plateau at the site access (Tynagh power station) along with concrete upstand supports for the fence to act as a barrier should any ingress be encountered from outside the site. Refer to drawing 60661667-SHT-0-2000-DRAINAGE LAYOUT in Appendix E for proposed drainage layout.

5.3. Mitigation Measures

A total maximum storage volume of 1468m³ and 5.0 l/s discharge rates has been hydraulically modelled using H.R. Wallingford surface water storage volume estimation online tool. The calculated storage and discharge can be achieved by a combination of the following:

- Volume of traditional drainage system components i.e. pipes and manhole/catchpit chambers.
- Underground attenuation storage with volume control flow system to release storm water in safe manner to a suitable discharge location to the watercourse.
- Provision of attenuation measures to reduce the peak surface water discharge rates by proposing minimum 300mm free board within manhole network.
- Flow control device on storage volume outflow; orifice plate, Hydrobrake or Hydroslide to achieve 5.0 l/s controlled discharge rate into receiving drainage infrastructure.
- Robust maintenance management regime to ensure the performance of the below ground drainage system is sustained for its intended design life.
- The proposed building FFL shall be designed so that the ground falls away from the building.
 Consideration must be given where unavoidable adjacent ground which falls toward building shall be diverted away while drainage designing.

6. Conclusion

AECOM has prepared this document to support the planning submission and Environmental Statement and to assess the drainage adequacy of the Proposed Development.

From stage 1, the Flood Risk Identification concludes that:

- The Proposed OCGT site is not in the fluvial flood zone of Kilcrow River or near the vicinity of any other river or watercourse.
- The existing Tynagh CCGT site has a positive drainage network system (foul + surface) and is connected to an on-site wastewater treatment plan. The final discharge is connected to the lagoon. The embankment surrounding the lagoon prevents overland flooding
- Historical flood events at the CCGT site indicate they were caused by a prolonged period of rainfall.
 Mitigation measures have been implemented since the flood occurred.
- The topography of the Proposed Site indicates groundwater would flow away from the Proposed Site.

From stage 2, the Initial Flood Risk Assessment concludes that:

- According to the Planning System and Flood Risk Management guidelines set for planning authorities, the proposed site falls under highly vulnerable development under determination of vulnerability class.
- Under determination of flood zone, it is classified as Flood Zone C i.e., the probability of flooding from watercourses and the sea is low or negligible (less than 0.1% or 1 in 1000 year for both watercourse and coastal flooding).
- According to the justification table provided in the guidelines, the proposed development is categorised as Appropriate.

From stage 3, the Detailed Flood Risk Assessment concludes that:

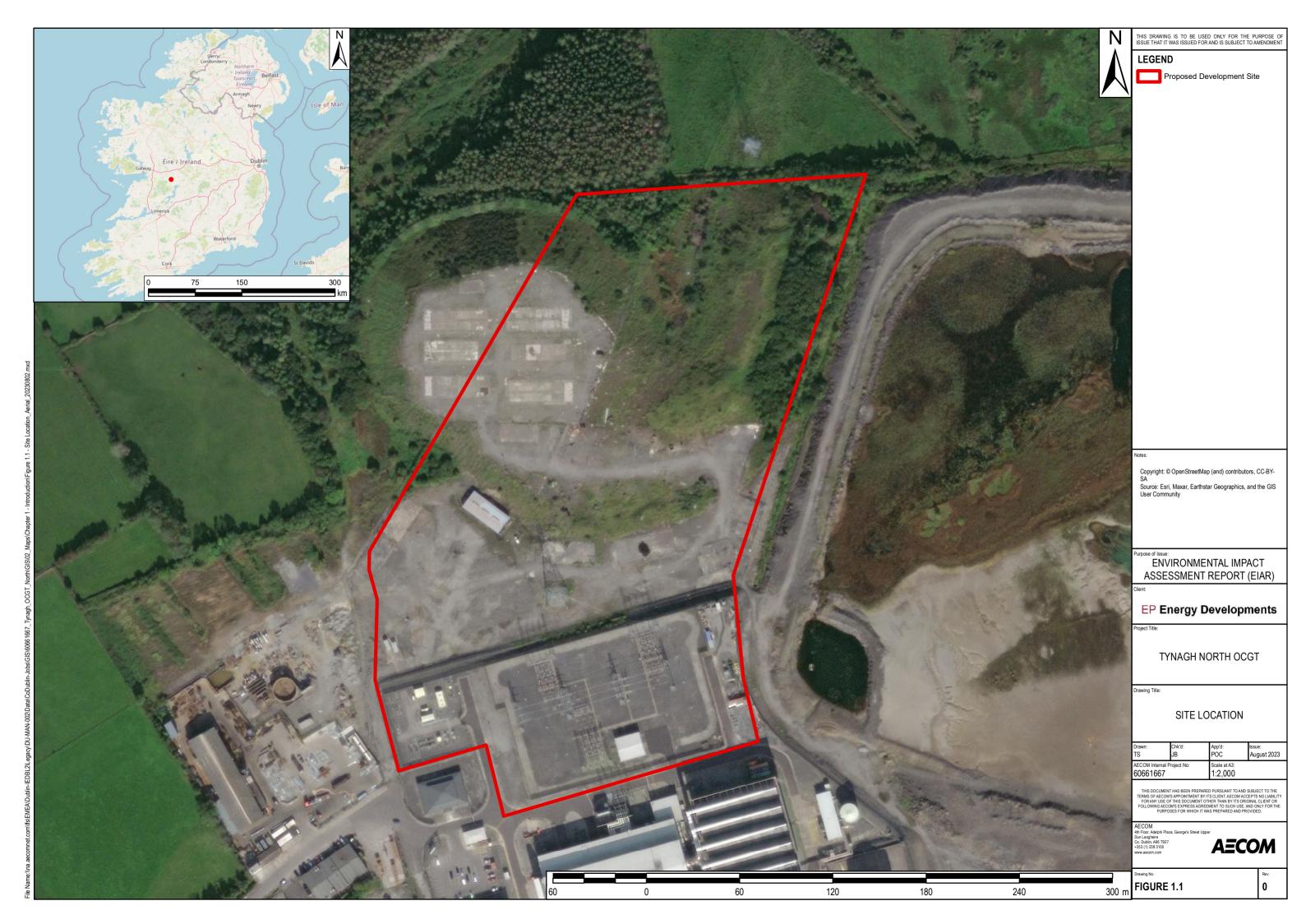
- The surface water run-off from the ground-level hardstanding will be routed to the existing surface water drainage infrastructure of CCGT power station.
- The proposed surface water discharge rate will be equivalent to the greenfield run-off rate. However, in
 order to avoid blocking the network by vegetation, the flow rate is set at 5.0 l/s with a storage volume of
 approximately 1465m3.
- The mitigation measures will be implemented in the form of underground geocellular storage and hydrobrakes or similar systems that control the flow rate.

With regard to Foul Water Management:

- The Proposed Development will not lead to an increase in staff and therefore there will be no additional foul water generated (either from sanitation or process water) and as a result there will be no requirement for increased foul water management at the site over and above existing facilities.
- However ensure longevity in performance, the existing Tynagh Power Station Klargester BioDisc
 wastewater treatment system (which has been in use for circa 15 years) will be replaced with a
 Klargester Bioficient 5 system which is suitable to cater the daily allowance.
- The proposed Bioficient system is of comparable size to the existing system and will operate effectively in conjunction with the existing percolation area.
- An assessment of the percolation area has been undertaken for inclusion in the 'Site Characterisation
 Form' submitted with the Planning Statement (and Appendix G of this report). It is determined that the
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Appendix A

A.1 Site Location



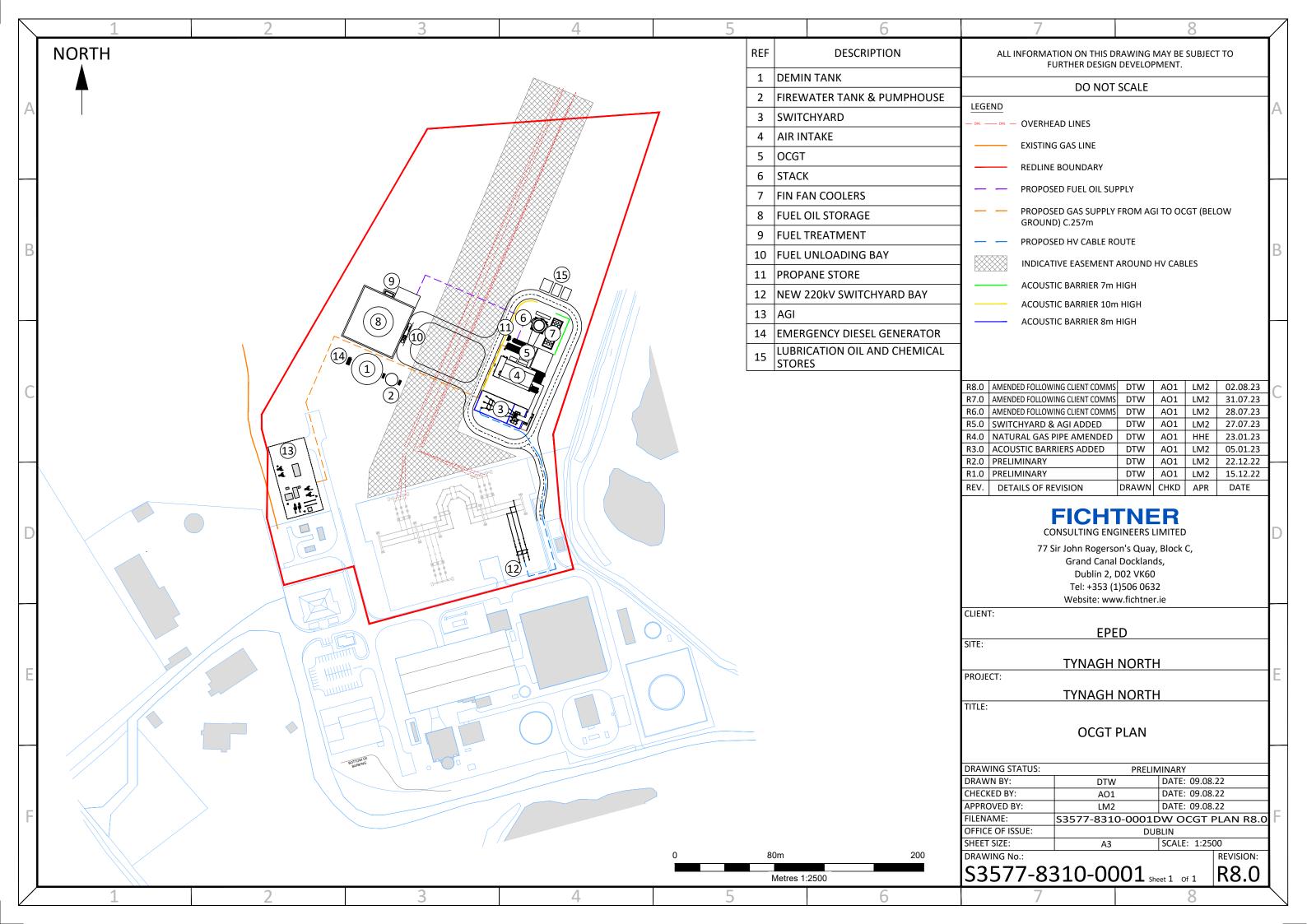
Appendix B

B.1 Existing Site Topographical Survey



Appendix C

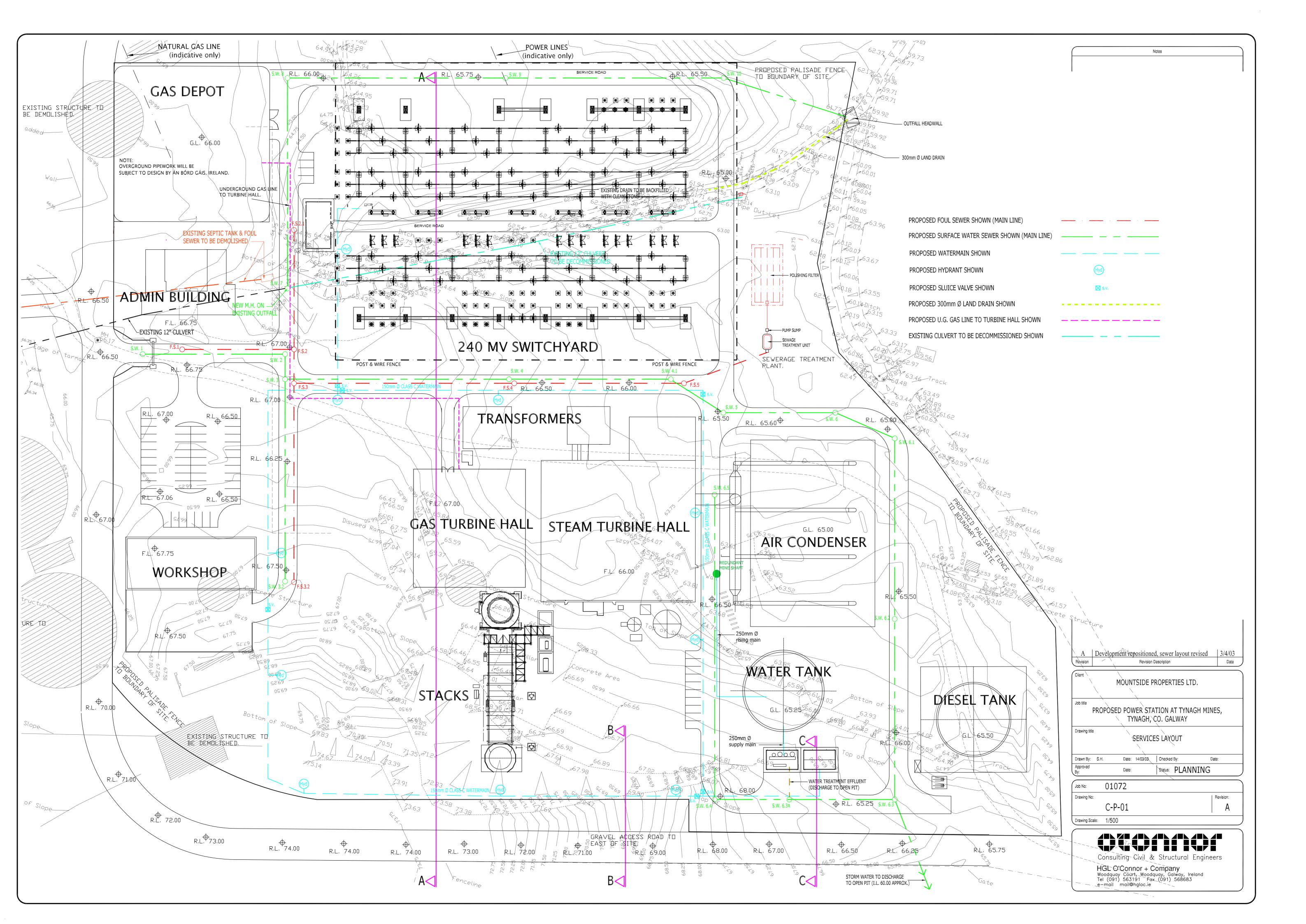
C.1 Proposed Layout Plan

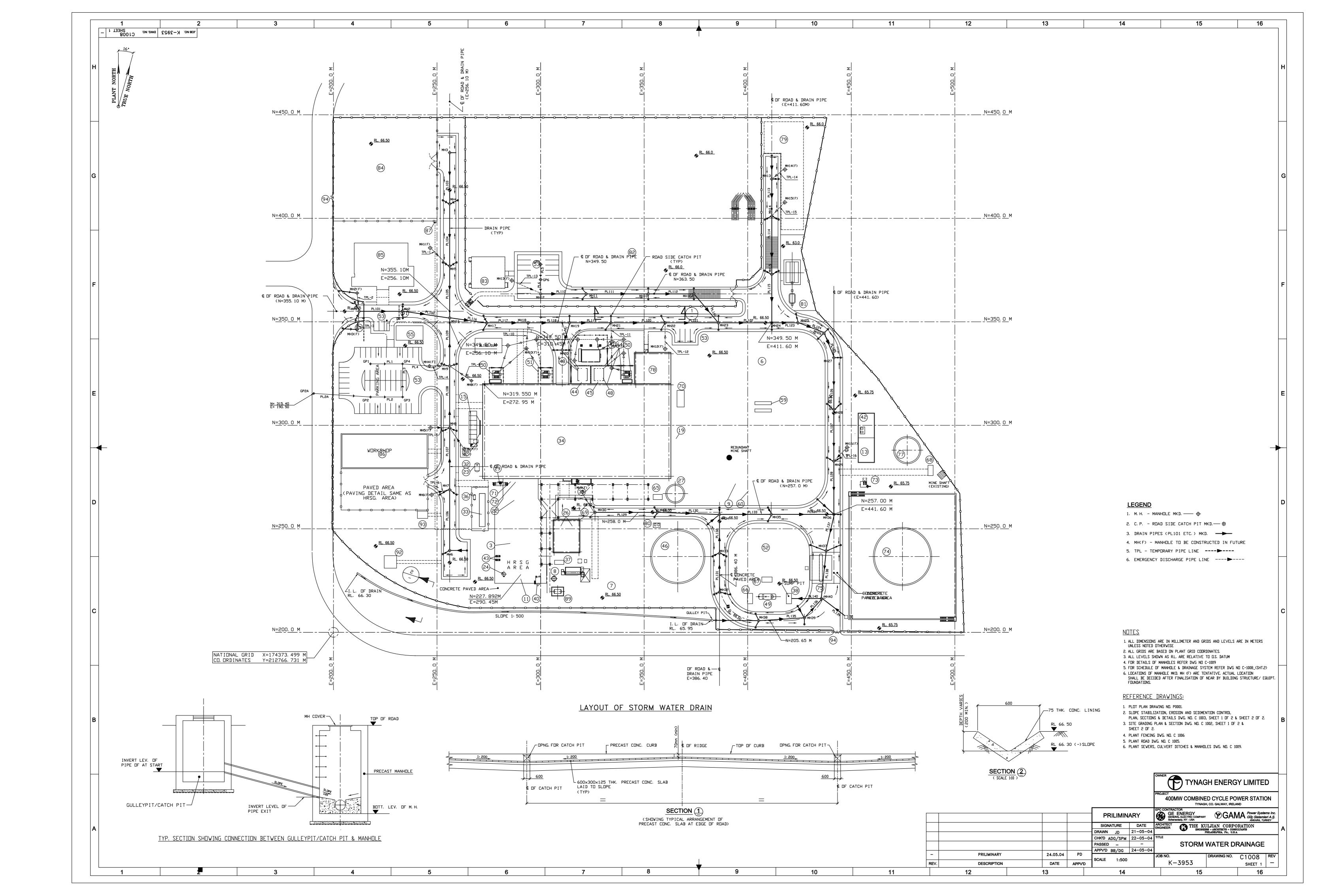


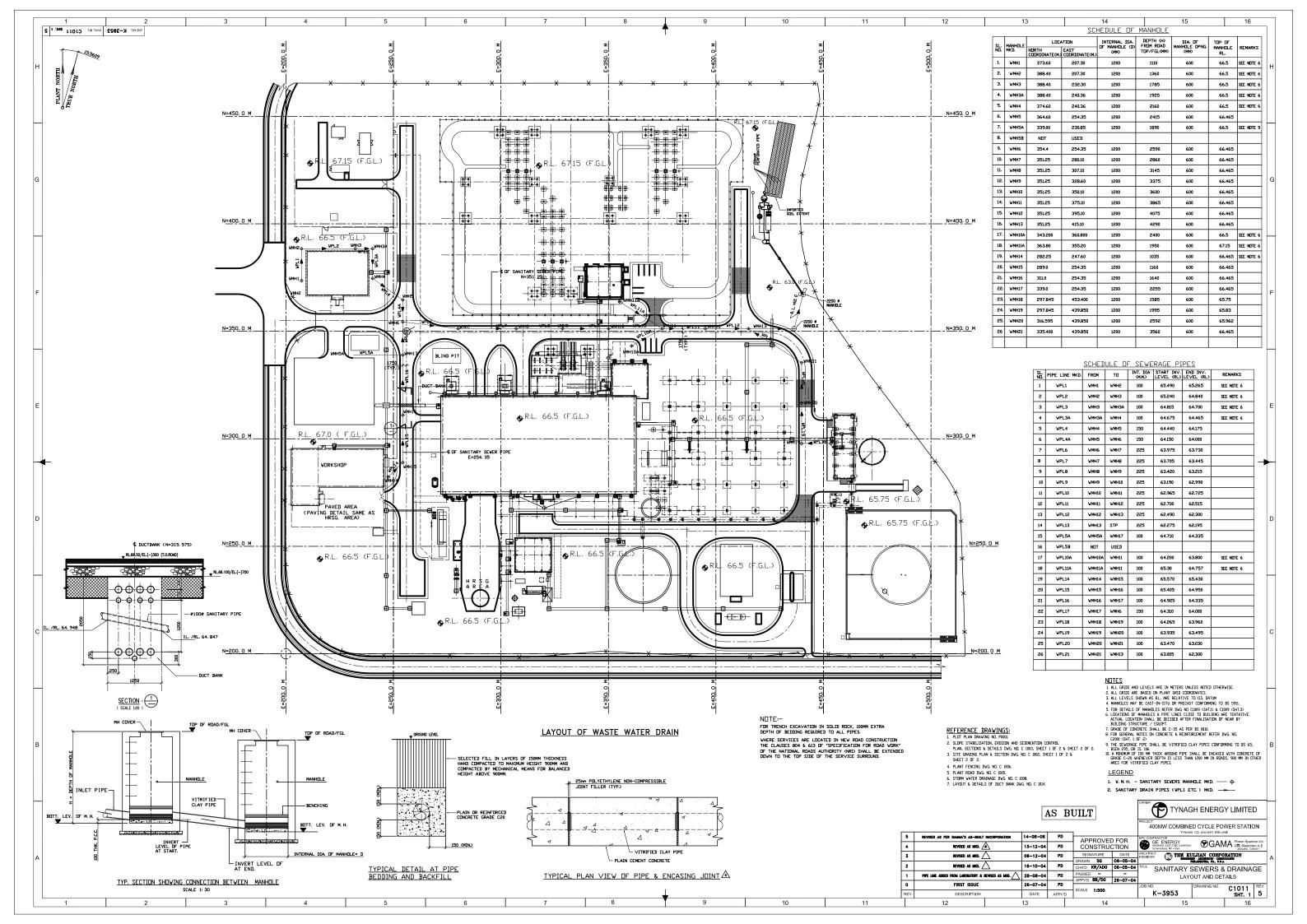
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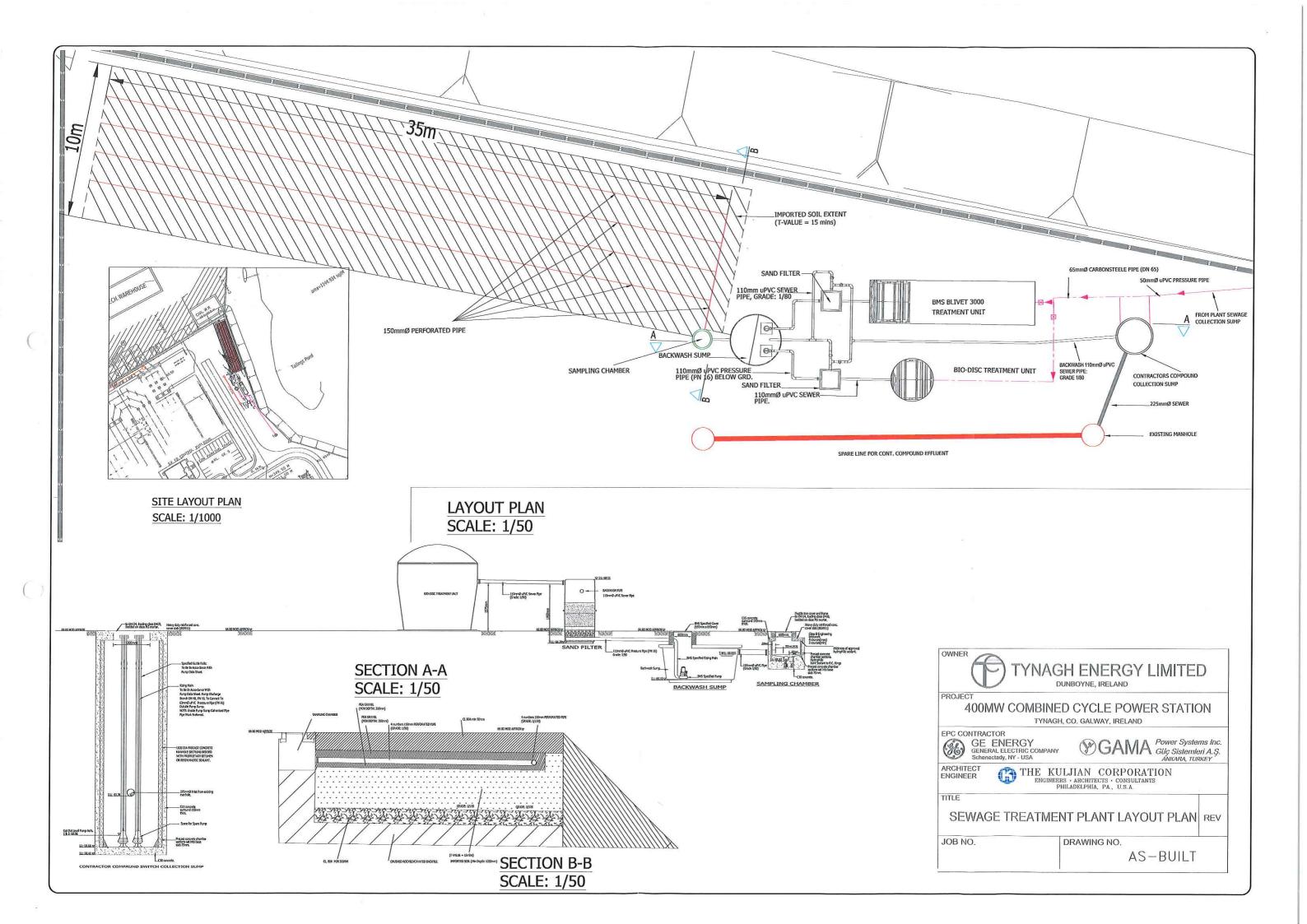
Record Drawings of Existing Tynagh Power Station

- **D.1 Existing services Layout**
- **D.2 Storm Water Drainage layout**
- **D.3 Sanitary Services and Drainage Layout**
- **D.4 Sewage Treatment Plant Layout**



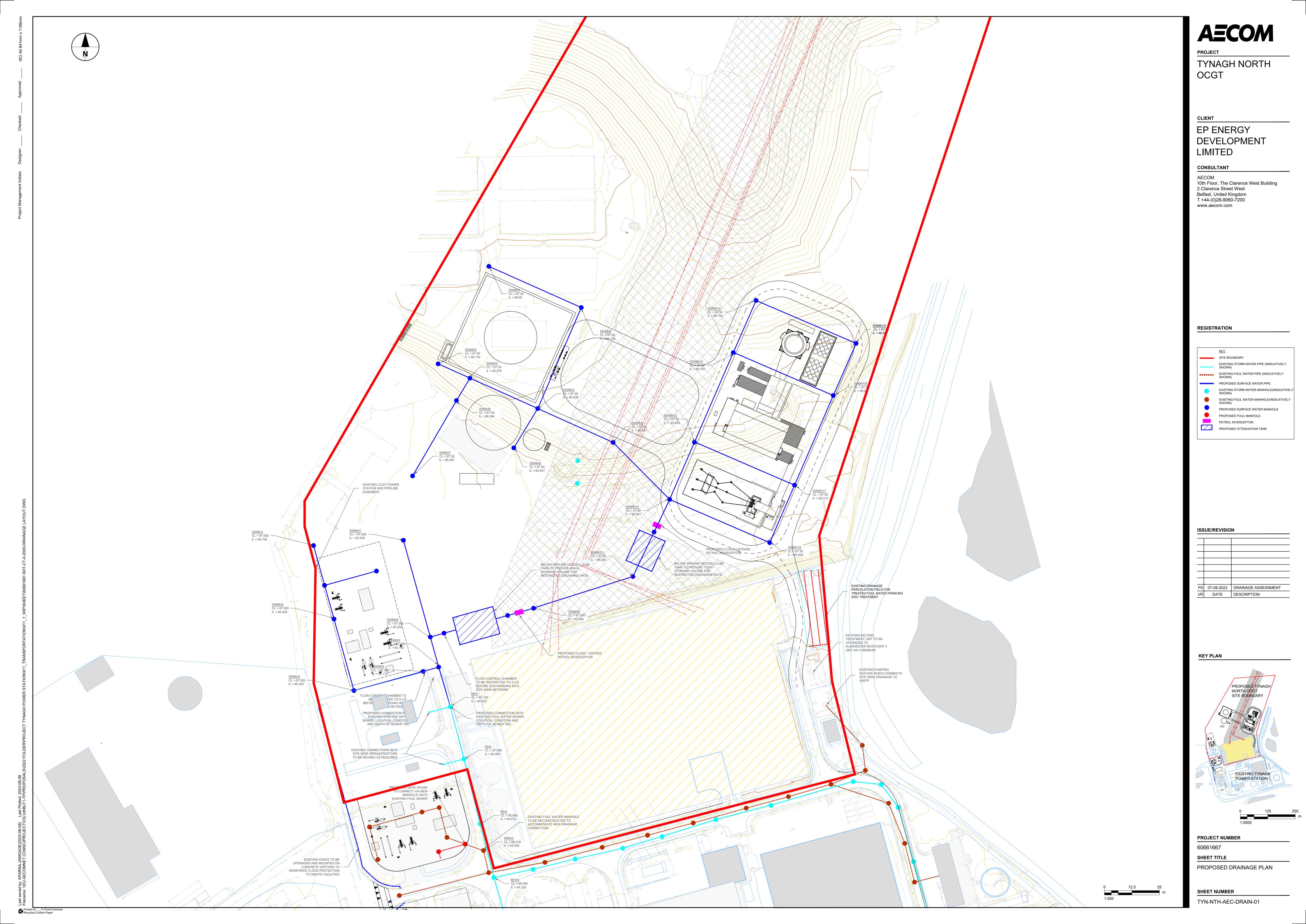






Appendix E

E.1 Proposed Drainage Layout



Appendix F

- F.1 Greenfield Run-off Rate Calculation Report
- F.2 Surface Water Storage Calculation Report

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Tynagh OCGT North



Calculated by:

Site name:

Greenfield runoff rate estimation for sites

53.16860° N

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Site Details

Latitude:

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Environment Agency	/ guidance non-statu	e "Rainfall ı utory stan	runoff managem dards for SuDS (I	ent for develop Defra, 2015). This	et normal best practice criteria in line with ments", SC030219 (2013), the SuDS Manual C753 s information on greenfield runoff rates may be the majorities. Date:					
Runoff estimat	ion app	roach	IH124							
Site characteri	istics				Notes					
Total site area (h	n a): 5.5	4			(1) Is Q _{BAR} < 2.0 I/s/ha?					
Methodology					(1) is QBAR < 2.0 i/s/iia:					
Q _{BAR} estimation r	method:	Calcu	ılate from SPR	and SAAR	When Q _{BAR} is < 2.0 l/s/ha then limiting discharge rates					
SPR estimation n	SPR estimation method: Calculate fro				are set at 2.0 l/s/ha.					
Soil characteri	stics	Defaul	t Edite	d						
SOIL type:		1	1		(2) Are flow rates < 5.0 l/s?					
HOST class:		N/A	N/A		Where flow rates are less than 5.0 l/s consent for					
SPR/SPRHOST:		0.1	0.1		discharge is usually set at 5.0 l/s if blockage from					
Hydrological ch	naracte	ristics	Default	Edited	vegetation and other materials is possible. Lower consent flow rates may be set where the blockage					
SAAR (mm):			1018	1018	risk is addressed by using appropriate drainage					
Hydrological regi	ion:		13	13	elements.					
Growth curve factor 1 year:		0.85	0.85	(3) Is SPR/SPRHOST ≤ 0.3?						
Growth curve fac	ctor 30 y	ears:	1.65	1.65						
Growth curve fac	ctor 100 y	years:	1.95	1.95	Where groundwater levels are low enough the use of soakaways to avoid discharge offsite would normally					
Growth curve fac	ctor 200	years:	2.15	2.15	be preferred for disposal of surface water runoff.					

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Calculated by: Aparna Jamgade

Site name: Tynagh OCGT North

Site location: Tynagh, Co. Galway

This is an estimation of the storage volume requirements that are needed to meet normal best practice criteria in line with Environment Agency guidance "Rainfall runoff management for developments", SC030219 (2013), the SuDS Manual C753 (Ciria, 2015) and the non-statutory standards for SuDS (Defra, 2015). It is not to be used for detailed design of drainage systems. It is recommended that hydraulic modelling software is used to calculate volume requirements and design details before finalising the design of the drainage scheme.

Surface water storage requirements for sites

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Site Details

 Latitude:
 53.16839° N

 Longitude:
 8.3838° W

 Reference:
 2413090377

Date: Jan 13 2023 09:00

Site characteristics			Methodology				
Total site area (ha):		1.53	esti	IH124	IH124		
Significant public open space (ha)	:	0	Q _{BAR} estimation method	l: Calcu	Calculate from SPR and SAAR		
Area positively drained (ha):		1.53	SPR estimation method:	Calcu	late from SOI	L type	
Impermeable area (ha):		1.53	Soil characteristics	Defaul	t Edite	d	
Percentage of drained area that is	impermeable (%):	100	SOIL type:	1	1		
Impervious area drained via infiltra	ition (ha):	0	SPR:	0.1	0.1		
Return period for infiltration system	m design (year):	10	Hydrological characte	eristics	Default	Edited	
Impervious area drained to rainwat	ter harvesting (ha):	0	Rainfall 100 yrs 6 hrs:			61	
Return period for rainwater harves	ting system (year):	10	Rainfall 100 yrs 12 hrs:			73	
Compliance factor for rainwater ha	arvesting system (%):	66	FEH / FSR conversion fac	ctor:	1	1	
Net site area for storage volume d	esign (ha):	1.53	SAAR (mm):		1018	1018	
Net impermable area for storage v	olume design (ha):	1.53	M5-60 Rainfall Depth (m	m):	17	17	
Pervious area contribution to runo	ff (%):	30	'r' Ratio M5-60/M5-2 day	:	0.3	0.3	
* where rainwater harvesting or inf	iltration has been use	ed for	Hydological region:		13	13	
managing surface water runoff suc	ch that the effective		Growth curve factor 1 ye	ear:	0.85	0.85	
impermeable area is less than 50% drained, the 'net site area' and the			Growth curve factor 10 y	/ear:	1.4	1.4	
flow rates will have been reduced a	=: :: :		Growth curve factor 30	l I	1.65	1.65	
Design criteria			Growth curve factor 100	I	1.95	1.95	
Climate change allowance factor:	1.4		Q _{BAR} for total site area (- 1	0.4	0.4	
Urban creep allowance factor:	1.1		Q _{BAR} for net site area (I/s		0.4	0.4	
Volume control approach	Use long term stor	age	ADM LOLLING SITE OF A	- /.	0.4	0.4	
Interception rainfall depth (mm):	5						
Minimum flow rate (I/s):	5						

Site discharge rates	Default	Edited	Estimated storage volumes	Default	Edited
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Appendix G

G.1 Percolation Test



SOIL CHARACTERISATION AND SITE SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT TE REF: 22/089 TE

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SITE CHARACTERISATION FORM FOR AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

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1.0	G	ENERAL DETAILS
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	3.2a	Subsurface Percolation Test for Subsoil
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		Step 2 Pre-Soaking Test Holes
		Step 3 Measuring T ₁₀₀
		Step 4 Standard Method (where T ₁₀₀ ≤ 210min
	3.2bSurfac	e Percolation for Soil
		Step 1 Test Hole Preparation
		Step 2 Pre-Soaking Test Holes
		Step 3 Measuring T_{100}
		Step 4 Standard Method (where T ₁₀₀ ≤ 210min
4.0	C	ONCLUSIONS OF SITE CHARACTERISATION
5.0	Si	TE ASSESSORS DETAILS
6.0	P	HOTOGRAPHS OF THE SITE
7.0	E	PA/FAS CERTIFICATE
8.0	11	ISURANCE DETAILS.

		1.0 GENERAL DETAILS (Fro	m pla	annin	g application)						
Name(S)	Ту	ynagh Energy Limited									
Address of Correspondance					Site Location and Townland						
	Tynagh Po	wer Plant			Tynagh i	Power Plant					
	Derrtfr					rtfrench					
	Lough					ıghrea					
	Co. Ga	lway			Co.	Galway					
Proposed Wate		Private Well/Borehole				Group Well/	/Borehole				
		2.0 GENERAL DETAI	LS (Fr	om pl	lanning application)						
Soil Type, (Spec	cify Type):	Degraded Grey Brown Po	odzoli		il Association 32 0%), Peat(15%), Brow Podzols (10%)	n Earths (15	%), Gleys (1	10%)			
Subsoil, (Specif	y Type):				Silt/Clay						
Bedrock Type:			Sandstones Westphalian Shales								
Aquifer Catego	ry:	Regionally Important		L	ocally Important	\checkmark	Poor				
Vulnerability:	Extreme	High 🗸		Mod	derate	Low					
Groundwater B	ody: IE	_SH_G_237	Sta	atus	At Risk						
Name of Public	/Group Sche	eme Water Supply within 1	km:		Un	known					
Source Protecti Area:	on ZOC	n/a SI n/a SO	n/a		undwater Protection ponse:		R1				
Presence of Sig (Archaeological				No	one evident within th	e locality					
Past experience	e in the area	: Varia	ble pe	rcola	tion characteristics o materials.	f the topsoil	and subsoi	I			

R1 = Acceptable subject to normal good practice. Site may be suitable for discharge to ground, if the minimum depths are met on the site and if there exists suitable percolation. As the soil type in the area is Degraded Grey Brown Podzolics (50% of the land area), and as the area is mapped as 'High' Vulnerability. Groundwater as a resource will be at risk if the minimum depths required are not achieved on the site, or if the percolation rate is too rapid. Older wells in the area may also be at risk, if the minimum separation distances are not adhered to. Groundwater and wells are therefore the main targets, following the desk study. Given the response and the aquifer type, the site is potentially suitable for a conventional septic tank system if the minimum depths required are met on the site, if the minimum separation distances can be met, and if the percolation rate is adequate.



3.0 ON-SITE ASSESSMENT 3.1 Visual Assessment **Landscape Position** Relatively Flat Slope Steep <1:5 Shallow 1.5 to 1.20 Relatively Flat **Slope Comment** Sloping in southeast direction Surface features within a minimum of 250 metres (Distances to features should be noted in metres) Houses Power Plant located >10m southwest from the percolation area (pa). **Existing Land Uses** Gravel Area **Vegetation Indicators** None **Groundwater Flow Directions** Southeast direction Ground conditions are best described as dry and firm in the pa. **Ground Condition** Fence located to the north, east and west from the pa. Field is located to the **Site Boundaries** north south & west of the pa. Roads Located road located >10m west from the pa. Outcrops (Bedrock and/or None Identified or Evident within the locality. subsoil) No surface water ponding was evident in the pa when examined on 09.02.22. Surface water ponding It must be noted that weather conditions prior to the site assessment taking place was generally dry conditions. Lakes None occur within 50m of the pa. **Beaches/Shellfish Areas** None occur within 200m of the pa. Wetlands None occur within 200m of the pa. **Karst Features** None occur within 200m of the pa. Watercourses/Streams None occur within 10m of the pa. **Drainage Ditches** None occur within 10m of the pa



Springs

None occur within 50m from the pa.

Wells

If a well is to be bored onsite it should be located at least 30m up-gradient from the ppa; this will therefore be outside the minimum separation distances of the Groundwater Protection Responses of GSI/EPA/DoELG and the EPA Code of Practice (2021).

As all the wells in the locality will therefore meet the required separation distances of the Groundwater Protection Responses of GSI/EPA/DoELG and the EPA Code of Practice (2021), none are deemed to be at risk from the proposed polishing filter's installation.

Integrate the information above in order to comment on:

1. The potential suitability of the site:

The site still seems suitable for discharge to ground.

2. Potential targets at risk:

Following the desk study surface water was thought not to be at risk; this was corroborated during the visual assessment.

There appears to be few issues with respect to impermeability. From this, surface water does not seem to be a potential target,

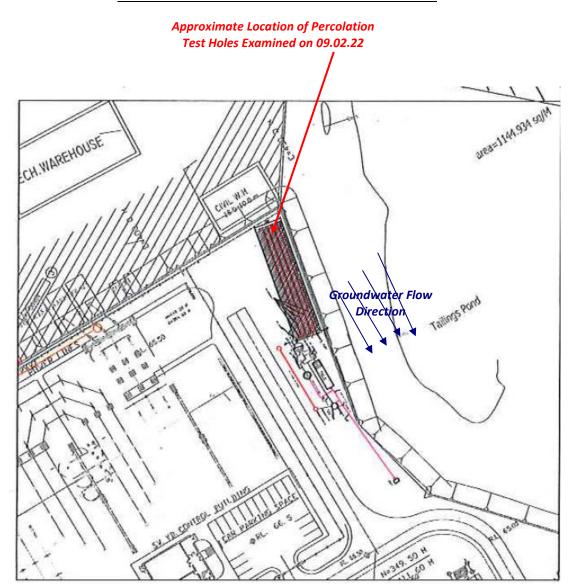
Groundwater is still a target following the visual assessment, unless the minimum depths required are met on the site and there exists adequate percolation.

3. The suitability of the site to treat the wastewater:

Following the visual assessment it is seen that all appropriate separation distances can be met and the site seems well drained, and pending confirmation of the presence of adequate depths of unsaturated soil and subsoil within the percolation area, as well as sufficient percolation rates under the site, the site should be suitable for treating wastewater adequately.

Sketch of site showing measurement to Trial Hole location and Percolation test Hole locations, wells and direction of ground water flow, proposed house (incl. distances from boundaries) adjacent houses, watercourses, significant sites and other features. North point should always be included.

SITE LAYOUT DRAWING SHOWING TEST HOLE LOCATIONS



3.2a Subsurface Percolation Test for Subsoil

Step 1 Test Hole Preparation

Percolation Test Hole	1	2	3	
Depth from ground surface to top of hole (mm) (A):	600	600	600	
Depth from ground surface to base of hole (mm) (B):	1000	1000	1000	
Depth of hole (mm) (B-A):	400	400	400	
Dimensions of hole [length x breadth (mm)]:	300 x 300	300 x 300	300 x 300	
Step 2 Pre-Soaking Test Holes				
Pre-soak Date	09.02.22	09.02.22	09.02.22	
start Time	10.00	10.00	10.00	
2 nd pre-soak Date	09.02.22	09.02.22	09.02.22	
start Time	11.00	11.00	11.00	

Each hole should be pre-soaked twice before the test is carried out. Each hole should be empty before refilling.

Step 3 Measuring T₁₀₀

Percolation Test Hole	1	2	3
Date of Test	09.02.22	09.02.22	09.02.22
Time Filled to 400mm	12.15	12.15	12.15
Time Water Level at 300mm	12.46	12.48	12.50
Time to drop 100mm (T ₁₀₀)	31.00	33.00	35.00
Average T ₁₀₀			33.00

If T_{100} >480mins then Subsurface Percolation value >120 – site unsuitable for discharge to ground

If $T_{100} \le 210$ mins then go to Step 4

If T₁₀₀ ≥ 210mins then go to Step 5



Step 4 Standard Method (where $T_{100} \le 210$ min)

Percolation Test Hole		1			2				3		
Fill No.	Start Time at 300mm	Finish Time at 200mm	Δt (min)		Start Time at 300mm	Finish Time at 200mm	Δt (min)	Start Time at 300mm	Finish Time at 200mm	Δt (min)	
1	12.47	13.20	33.00		12.49	13.25	36.00	12.51	13.30	39.00	
2	13.21	13.59	38.00		13.26	14.08	42.00	13.31	14.16	45.00	
3	14.00	14.45	45.00		14.09	14.59	50.00	14.17	15.11	54.00	
Average Δt			38.60				42.60			46.00	
	Average Δt/4 = 9.60 [Hole No. 1]		9.60		Average <i>I</i> [Hole No.		10.60	Average [Hole No		11.50	
Result of Test: Subsurface Percolation Value: 10.5			10.56	m	nin/25mm						

Comments

Result of Surface Percolation: 10.56 min/25mm.

Good Percolation Characteristics of the Surface Material.

3.2bSurface Percolation for Soil

Step 1 Test Hole Preparation

Percolation Test	Hole	1	2		3
Depth from grou to top of hole (m		0	0		0
Depth from grou to base of hole (r		400	400		400
Depth of hole (m	m) (B-A):	400	400		400
Dimensions of ho	ole [length x	300 x 300	300 x 30	0	300 x 300
Step 2 Pre-Soaking Pre-soak D	g Test Holes Date	09.02.22	09.02.2.	2	09.02.22
start Time		10.00	10.00		10.00
	L r				
2 nd pre-soak D	ate	09.02.22	09.02.22	2	09.02.22

11.00

11.00

Each hole should be pre-soaked twice before the test is carried out. Each hole should be empty before refilling.

11.00

Step 3 Measuring T₁₀₀

Time

start

Percolation Test Hole	1	2	3
Date of Test	09.02.22	09.02.22	09.02.22
Time Filled to 400mm	12.20	12.20	12.20
Time Water Level at 300mm	12.35	12.39	12.41
Time to drop 100mm (P ₁₀₀)	15.00	19.00	21.00
Average T ₁₀₀			18.30

If T_{100} >480 minutes then Surface Percolation value >90 – site unsuitable for discharge to ground

If $T_{100} \le 210$ mins then go to Step 4

If $T_{100} \ge 210$ mins then go to Step 5



Step 4 Standard Method (where $T_{100} \le 210$ min)

Percolation Test Hole	1				2			3		
Fill No.	Start Time at 300mm	Finish Time at 200mm	Δt (min)		Start Time at 300mm	Finish Time at 200mm	Δt (min)	Start Time at 300mm	Finish Time at 200mm	Δt (min)
1	12.36	12.52	16.00		12.40	13.01	21.00	12.42	13.05	23.00
2	12.53	13.11	18.00		13.02	13.26	24.00	13.06	13.33	27.00
3	13.12	13.35	23.00		13.27	13.57	30.00	13.34	14.08	34.00
Average Δt			19.00				25.00			28.00
	Average Δt/4 = 4.75 [Hole No. 1]				Average A		6.25	Average (7.00
Result of Test : Surface Percolation Value 6.00					nin/25mm					
Comments										
Result of Surface Percolation: 6.00 min/25mm.										

Good Percolation Characteristics of the Surface Material.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS of SITE CHARACTERISATION:

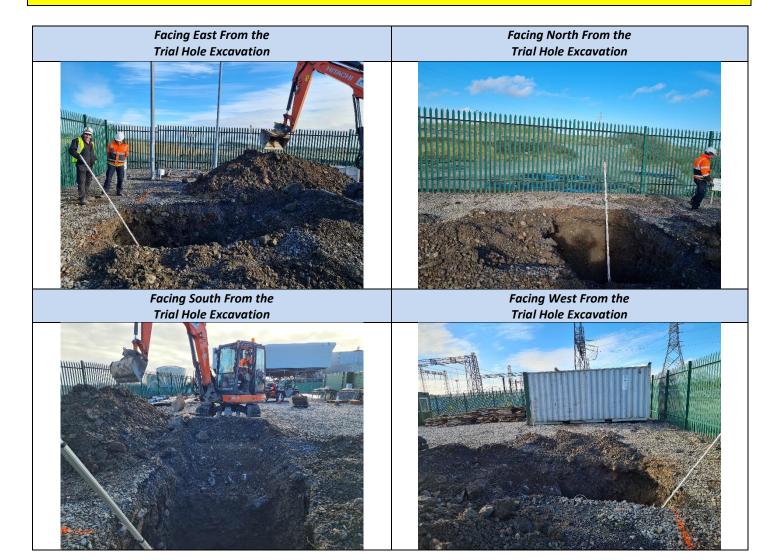
Percolation test res	sults: Surface:	6.00min/25n	nm	Sub-surfac	e:	10.56 min/25mm
Not suitable for Development Suitable for Development						
5.0 SITE ASSESSOR DETAILS						
Company:	Traynor Environmental Ltd					
Prefix:	Prefix: Mr.		Nevin		Surname:	Traynor
Address:	Belturbet Business Park, Creeny, Belturbet, Co. Cavan.					
Qualifications/Experience:		BSc. Env, H.Dip I.T, Cert SHWW, EPA/FAS Course Certified Professional Indemnity Insurance Holder (€1 million cover)				
Date of Report: 14.02.22						
Phone: 049 95	22236 Fax:	049 9522808	E-mail:	nevii	n@traynorenvi	ronmental.com
Indemnity Insurance Number:		20/1/04786 (Renewed 12 th July 2021)				
Signed: Signed:						

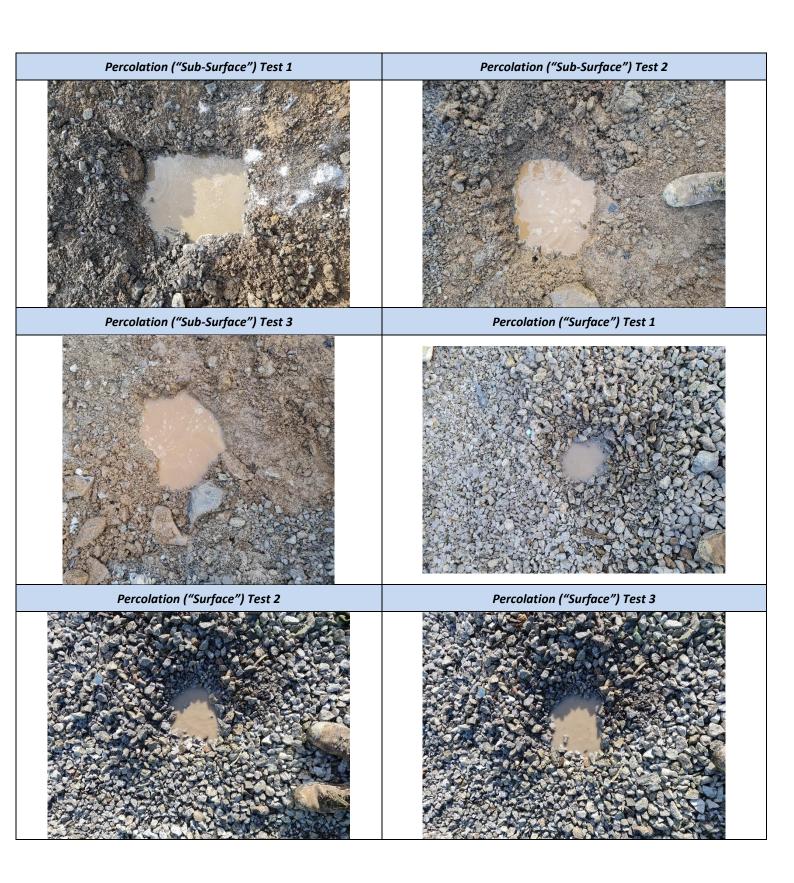
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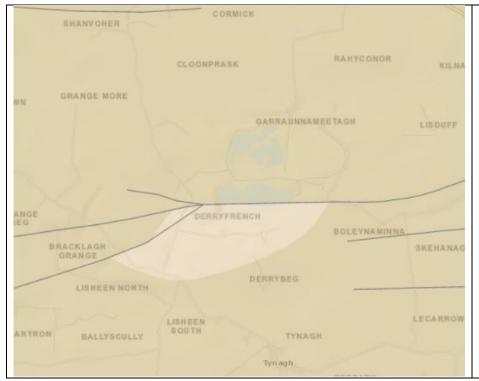
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6.0 SITE PHOTOGRAPHS





Maps Used As Part of the EPA Site Suitability Assessment Groundwater/Aquifer Map



From the GSI
Groundwater Aquifer
Map Site is classified as
Locally Important Aquifer
- Bedrock which is
Moderately Productive
only in Local Zones

Vulnerability Map



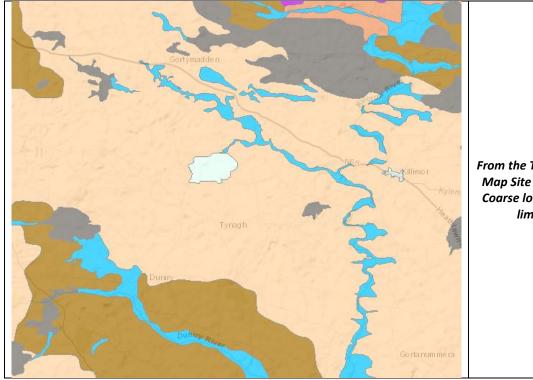
From the GSI Vulnerability Map Site is classified as High

Bedrock Map



From the GSI Bedrock Map Site is classified as Sandstones Westphalian Shales

Teagasc Subsoil Map



From the Teagasc Subsoil Map Site is classified as Coarse loamy drift with limestones

7.0 EPA/FAS CERTIFICATE



8.0 P.I INSURANCE

Griffiths & Armour Europe DAC



PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

We confirm the following details relating to our client's Professional Indemnity Insurance:

Insured: Traynor Environmental Ltd

Address: Belturbet Business Park

Creeny Belturbet Co. Cavan H14AY94

Lead Insurer(s): Axis Specialty Europe SE

Period of Insurance: 12 July 2021 to 11 July 2022

Policy Number: 20/1/04786

Limit of Indemnity: €1,500,000 any one claim and unlimited in the period of insurance

Signed:

Graeme Tinney Chief Executive Officer Griffiths & Armour Europe DAC

Date: 22 June 2021

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