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Dear ,

#### **DEVELOPMENT IN THE VICINITY OF DRUMMULLAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS**

Thank you for your application received 18th February 2022 regarding the proposed development at 'Littlebridge Road, Drummullan, Co.Derry', in the vicinity of the existing wastewater treatment works (WwTW) at Drummullan.

Where new developments are proposed close to an existing wastewater treatment works, it is our policy to object to these developments (PPS 11 requires the Planning Service to consider whether sensitive development in proximity of WwTW is acceptable (para 10.2) and states that "planning applications involving land within the vicinity of WwTWs will not be approved where there would be a loss of amenity from odour nuisance" (para 10.4)).

However, NIW are willing to waive their right to object to such a development if it can be demonstrated that the amenity of the proposed population will not be adversely affected by the operations of NIW. To this end NIW have prepared a policy on planned developments near to wastewater treatment works

NIW have considered the location of the property under this policy and can confirm that while it is inside the 'Odour Consultation Zone Boundary' our assessment concludes that NIW will not, on the grounds of 'incompatible development' raise an objection to any proposed development or reuse of the site.

The approval or refusal of a Planning Application, whether for an individual property or for a group of properties, is a matter for the DOE Planning Service and the final decision on the suitability, or otherwise, of a particular development proposal, adjacent to a WwTW, rests with them.

If you require any further clarification on this matter please contact me at the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully

John Fenton

Asset Performance Team