



PROJECT: PRIVATE DWELLING HOUSE
Ballincar, Rosses Point, County Sligo
CLIENT: AIDAN & MARGRET GLACKEN

DWG. TITLE: PROPOSED SITE SECTIONS

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APPENDIX 3

SITE CHARACTERISATION REPORT AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT DETAILS

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Planning Dept, Sligo Co Co, City Hall, Sligo, Co Sligo. 19/02/2021

Re: Planning application for Aidan & Margaret Glacken @ Ballincar, Co. Sligo.

Dear Sir/Madame.

In regard to the above planning application I Francis Davitt will supervise and oversee the installation of the Waste Water Treatment System and tertiary treatment

Yours Faithfully

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19th February 2021

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Planning Section Sligo County Council Quay Street Sligo

Re: Proposed development of 1 no. dwelling at Ballincar, Co. Sligo for Aidan & Margaret Glacken.

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to our site assessment of the aforementioned site please find attached Site Characterisation Forms from the EPA's publication "Code of Practice: Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. < 10)" 2009. We are prepared to design the distribution area for construction and certify the installation of the distribution area.

In the course of this assessment, we examined 6no. percolation holes and we were present when the trial hole was being excavated. The results of the percolation tests are detailed below.

"T" = 17.03
"P" = 16.61

Discussion:

Ground conditions would indicate that a wastewater treatment system and polishing filter would be suitable to treat and dispose of the domestic wastewater generated by this development, however, we are recommending the use of a proprietary wastewater treatment system, packaged tertiary treatment system and distribution area.

We have noted that the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht have raised concerns about the cumulative effect of septic tanks/treatment systems in the area in the course of another planning application.

The appropriate response to the risk of groundwater contamination from an on-site wastewater treatment system is given by the assigned response category (R) appropriate to each protection zone. There is a Regionally Important Aquifer in this area and the Vulnerability rating is Moderate the Response Matrix for On-site Treatment Systems is R1. R1 is acceptable subject to normal good practice (i.e. system selection, construction, operation and maintenance in accordance with EPA (2000).

We are proposing the use of a proprietary wastewater treatment system, tertiary treatment system and distribution area as well as proposing to increase the distribution area to 25m2. Ground conditions are also favourable on this site and there will be further treatment for the wastewater in the soil. We note that the average "T" value is 17.03 which indicates that the retention time in the soil will provide satisfactory treatment. We have referred to Section 6.3, Interpretation of Percolation Test Results, of the EPA's publication "Code of Practice: Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. < 10)" 2009 this states that when the "T" value is between 3 and 50 the site is suitable for the development of a septic tank system or a secondary treatment system discharging to groundwater.

The standard of domestic wastewater treatment that we are proposing on this site exceeds the recommendations contained in the EPA's publication "Code of Practice: Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. < 10)" 2009 and we are satisfied that there will be no risk to the environment from the proposed development. This system has I.S.EN-3 and SR.66 certification and a Treatment System Performance Standard of (mg/L) 10BOD, 10SS and 10NH3 which indicates that the system is capable of providing a very high quality of wastewater.

In order to ensure that the system continues to perform to these high standards into the future we are recommending that the following procedures are undertaken to prevent any malfunction of the system and also to notify the owner in the event of a malfunction.

Care of the proprietary wastewater treatment system into the future:

- 1. We have proposed that the wastewater treatment system is fitted with a visual and audible alarm to draw the attention of the householder to any malfunction of the system and also that a dial out alarm is fitted on the system that will notify the householder in the event of a malfunction through his mobile phone.
- 2. The wastewater treatment system and tertiary treatment aspect of the system must be serviced annually and a sample of the treated effluent shall be analysed and certified results provided to confirm the standard of the treated effluent. An annual contract shall be agreed with the supplier/manufacturer of the system for the service and maintenance of the system.
- 3. The continued efficiency of the wastewater treatment system shall be certified by the supplier/manufacturer after 10 years in operation to ensure the system is still performing to the original high standards.
- 4. The de-sludging of the wastewater water treatment system shall be carried out as directed by the system manufacturer/distributor. De-sludging shall be carried out by a waste disposal contractor who holds a current, valid waste disposal permit for the collection and disposal of sewage sludge.

How to construct the distribution area:

There will be 300mm deep gravel layer constructed in the existing ground and the Puraflo modules will then be positioned centrally on the gravel layer.

The treated effluent will be pumped from the wastewater treatment system up to the top of the Puraflo modules, it then gravitates down through the Puraflo modules and discharges directly onto the 300mm gravel layer.

Recommendations:

- 1) The installation of a proprietary wastewater treatment system certified in accordance with EN 12566-3 and SR 66.
- 2) The installation of a pump sump following the wastewater treatment system to transfer the treated effluent from the proprietary wastewater treatment system to the location of the tertiary treatment system and distribution area.
- 3) The installation of a dial out alarm system which will notify the householder on his mobile phone in the event of a malfunction in the wastewater treatment system.
- 4) Tricel have confirmed in their attached correspondence that they have identified the location of the sampling chamber on the system and both a visual and audible alarm for the system.
- 5) The installation of a 300mm deep gravel distribution area beneath the packaged tertiary treatment system.

According to the EPA, "the tertiary treated effluent has been treated to a high enough standard such that it can discharge to the groundwater. However, the hydraulic issue needs to be accounted for such that the effluent does not back up and create problems to the tertiary treatment process itself. Hence, some calculations have been carried out to discharge an appropriate percolation area for the discharge of such clean effluent depending on the T-value of the subsoil into which it is being discharged.

These calculations (which include a safety factor of 3.5) show that the area of subsoil required for the discharge of tertiary treated effluent, A is as follows:

$$A = 0.125 x T (m^2 per p.e.)$$
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 $A = 0.125 \times 17.03 \times 6 = 12.78 \text{m}^2$

I am proposing the installation of 25m² of gravel distribution area beneath the packaged tertiary treatment system. This gravel layer is greater than that required by the EPA formula, however, it will provide a further factor of safety in the system.

We attach a cross-section and a longitudinal section through the proposed domestic wastewater treatment and disposal system.

Yours Faithfully

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Trial hole



T test 1



T test 2



T test 3





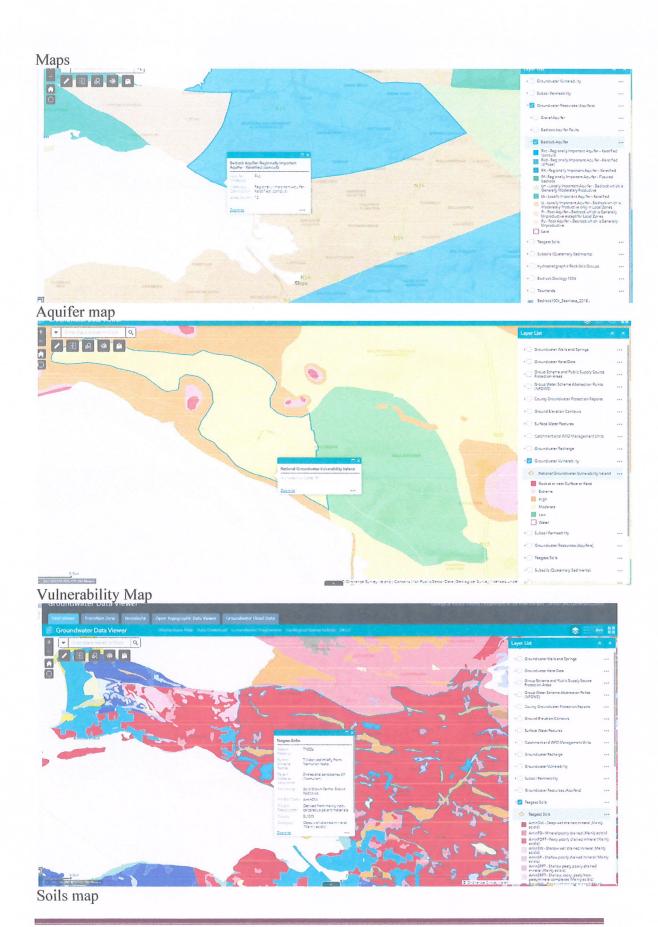
P test 2

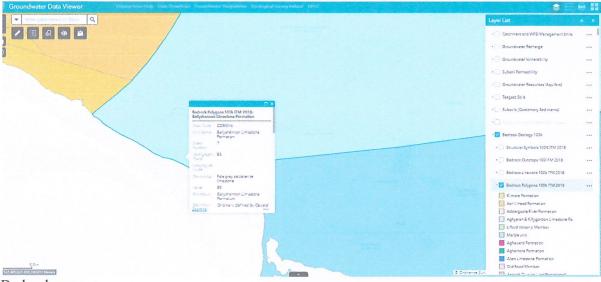


P test 3



Overview of area tested





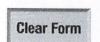
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SITE CHARACTERISATION FORM

COMPLETING THE FORM

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Step 1:



Goto Menu Item File, Save As and save the file under a reference relating to the client or the planning application reference if available.

Use the Clear Form button to clear all information fields.

Notes:

All calculations in this form are automatic.

Where possible information is presented in the form of drop down selection lists to eliminate potential errors.

Variable elements are recorded by tick boxes. In all cases only one tick box should be activated.

All time record fields must be entered in twenty hour format as follows: HH:MM

All date formats are DD/MM/YYYY.

All other data fields are in text entry format.

This form can be printed out fully populated for submission with related documents and for your files. It can also be submitted by email.

Section 3.2

In this section use an underline ____ across all six columns to indicate the depth at which changes in classification / characteristics occur.

Section 3.4

Lists supporting documentation required.

Section 4

Select the treatment systems suitable for this site and the discharge route.

Section 5

Indicate the system type that it is proposed to install.

Section 6

Provide details, as required, on the proposed treatment system.

SITE CHARACTERISATION FORM

File Reference: Aidan & Margaret Glacken
1.0 GENERAL DETAILS (From planning application)
Prefix: First Name: Aidan Surname: Glacken
Address: C/O HBK Architects, 134 Moore Street, Aughanacloy, Co. Tyrone Ballincar, Sligo
Telephone No: Fax No:
E-Mail: N/A
Maximum no. of Residents: 6 No. of Double Bedrooms: 4 No. of Single Bedrooms: 0
Proposed Water Supply: Mains 🗸 Private Well/Borehole Group Well/Borehole
2.0 GENERAL DETAILS (From planning application)
Soil Type, (Specify Type): Tills derived chiefly from Namurian Rocks
Aquifer Category: Regionally Important Rk Locally Important Poor
Vulnerability: Extreme High Moderate ✓ Low High to Low Unknown
Bedrock Type: Pale Grey Calcarnite Limestone
Name of Public/Group Scheme Water Supply within 1 km: N/A
Groundwater Protection Scheme (Y/N): Yes Source Protection Area: SI SO
Groundwater Protection Response: R1
Presence of Significant Sites (Archaeological, Natural & Historical): Feature identified 310m to northeast of proposed site
Past experience in the area: Percolation test results good in this area
Comments: (Integrate the information above in order to comment on: the potential suitability of the site, potential targets at risk, and/or any potential site restrictions).
Groundwater is the potential target at risk No potential site restrictions evident from desk study

Note: Only information available at the desk study stage should be used in this section.

3.0 ON-SITE ASSESSMENT

3.1 Visual Assessme	ent		
Landscape Position:	Slope of Hill		
Slope:	Steep (>1:5) Sh	nallow (1:5-1:20)	Relatively Flat (<1:20)
Surface Features within	in a minimum of 250m (Distance To	Features Should Be No	ted In Metres)
Houses: Several house:	s locally		·
Existing Land Use: A	gricultural		,
Vegetation Indicators:	None visible on site. The vegetation on sit	te is grass	
Groundwater Flow Dire	ection: As per attached drawing		
Ground Condition: G	Fround dry and firm underfoot		
Site Boundaries: Acc	cess road, stonewall and fencing	Roads: Access road alor	ng western boundary of site
Outcrops (Bedrock An	nd/Or Subsoil): None visible on site		
Surface Water Ponding	g: None visible on site	Lakes: N/A	
Beaches/Shellfish: Se	ea approx. 100m to south of site	Areas/Wetlands: N/A	
Karst Features: None	visible on site	Watercourse/Stream*:	None within 100m of site
Drainage Ditches*: No	o ditches within 100m of site	Springs / Wells*: None	within 100m of site
Comments: (Integrate the information above wastewater and the location of t	e in order to comment on: the potential suitability the proposed system within the site).	of the site, potential targets at risi	s, the sultability of the site to treat the
Site appears suitable Groundwater and the sea ar	re the potential targets at risk		
The sea is located approxim separation requirement of 50	nately 100m to the south of this site. The sep 0m recommended by the EPA.	earation distance between the s	ea and the site exceeds the minimum
See covering report for furth	er information		

^{*}Note and record water level

3.2 Trial Hole (should be a minimum of 2.1m deep (3m for regionally important aquifers))

To avoid any accidental damage, a trial hole assessment or percolation tests should not be undertaken in areas, which are at or adjacent to significant sites (e.g. NHAs, SACs, SPAs, and/or Archaeological etc.), without prior advice from National Parks and Wildlife Service or the Heritage Service.

Depth of trial hole (m): 3.00									
Depth from ground surface to bedrock (m) (if present): Depth from ground surface to water table (m) (if present): 1.40									
Depth of water ingress: Rock type (if present); Not encountered									
Date and time	Date and time of excavation: 03/02/2021								
Depth of P/T Test*	Soil/Subsoil Texture & Classification**	Plasticity and dilatancy***	Soil Structure	Density/ Compactness	Colour****	Preferential flowpaths			
0.1 m	400mm SILT 2.6m Gravelly	2 Threads Ribbons 70mm Dilatant	Crumb	Uncompact	Brown	None visible			
0.9 m T 1.0 m 1.1 m 1.2 m 1.3 m 1.4 m 1.5 m 1.6 m 1.7 m 1.8 m 1.9 m 2.0 m 2.1 m 2.2 m 2.3 m 2.4 m 2.5 m 2.5 m 2.6 m 2.7 m 2.8 m 2.9 m 3.0 m	SILT/CLAY with pebbles & cobbles	Ribbons 90mm Dilatancy uncertain				Notic Visible			

Evaluation:

Ground conditions would indicate that a wastewater treatment system and polishing filter would adequately treat and dispose of the domestic wastewater generated by this development. However, we are proposing the installation of a proprietary wastewater treatment system, tertiary treatment system and distribution area because of concerns raised by the Department of Culture, heritage and the Gaeltacht on other sites locally. The use of this system provides a high standard of wastewater

Likely T value: 20.00

Note: *Depth of percolation test holes should be indicated on log above. (Enter P or T at depts as appropriate).

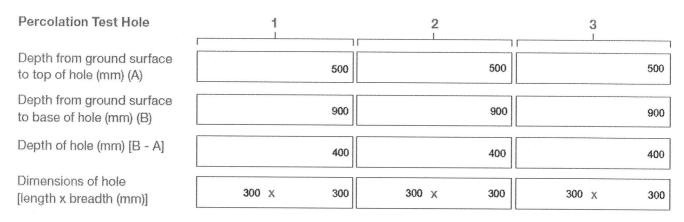
^{**} See Appendix E for BS 5930 classification.

^{*** 3} samples to be tested for each horizon and results should be entered above for each horizon.

^{****} All signs of mottling should be recorded.

3.3(a) Percolation ("T") Test for Deep Subsoils and/or Water Table

Step 1: Test Hole Preparation



Step 2: Pre-Soaking Test Holes

Date and Time						
pre-soaking started	03/02/2021	11:30	03/02/2021	11:30	03/02/2021	11:30

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 No.	1	2	3
Date of test	04/02/2021	04/02/2021	04/02/2021
Time filled to 400 mm	10:40	10:40	10:40
Time water level at 300 mm	11:54	11:31	11:46
Time to drop 100 mm (T ₁₀₉)	74.00	51.00	66.00
Average T ₁₀₀			63.67

If $T_{100} > 300$ minutes then T-value >90 – site unsuitable for discharge to ground

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

If $T_{100} > 210$ minutes then go to Step 5;

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

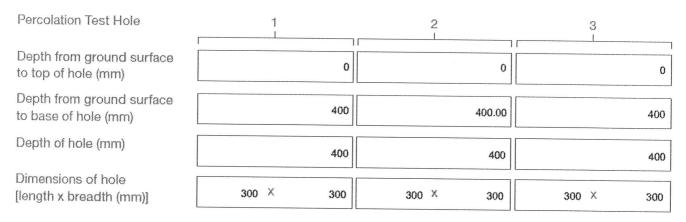
Percolation Test Hole		** *			2	,		3	
Fill no.	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	Δt (min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	Δt (min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	Δt (min)
4	11:54	13:10	76.00	11:31	12:24	53.00	11:46	12:54	68.00
2	13:11	14:30	79.00	12:25	13:20	55.00	12:55	14:05	70.00
3	14:31	15:53	82.00	13:21	14:18	57.00	14:06	15:19	73.00
Average ∆t Value			79.00			55.00			70.33
	Average ∆t/ [Hole No.1]	4 =	19.75 (t,)	Average ∆t [Hole No.2]		13.75 (t ₂)	Average ∆t [Hole No.3		17.58 (t ₃)
Result of Tes	st: T =		17.03 (m	in/25 mm)		,			
Comments:						****	-		
TEST PASS									

Step 5: Modified Method (where $T_{100} > 210$ minutes)

Percolation Test Hole No.	1				2				3			
Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor = T,	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K _{re}	T – Value = 4.45 / K _{ii}	Time Factor = T,	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K ₁₆ = T, / T _m	T – Value = 4.45 / K _i ,	Time Factor = T,	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K _{ie}	Value = 4.45
300 - 250	8.1				8.1				8.1			
250 - 200	9.7				9.7				9.7		***************************************	
200 - 150	11.9				11.9				11.9			
150 - 100	14.1				14.1				14.1			
Average T- Value	T- Value	Hole 1=	: (t ₁)	0.00	T- Value	Hole 1=	(t ₂)	0.00	T- Value	Hole 1=	= (t ₃)	0.00
Result of Tes	st: T =			0.00	min/25 m	nm)						
Comments:												
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3.3(b) Percolation ("P") Test for Shallow Soil / Subsoils and/or Water Table

Step 1: Test Hole Preparation



Step 2: Pre-Soaking Test Holes

Date and Time				
pre-soaking started	03/02/2021 12:25	1	12:25	03/02/2021 12:25

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

Step 3: Measuring P₁₀₀

Percolation Test Hole No.	1	2	3
Date of test	04/02/2021	04/02/2021	04/02/2021
Time filled to 400 mm	10:50	10:50	10:50
Time water level at 300 mm	11:52	11:44	12:00
Time to drop 100 mm (P ₁₀₀)	62.00	54.00	70.00
Average P ₁₀₀			62.00

If $P_{too} > 300$ minutes then T-value >90 – site unsuitable for discharge to ground

If $P_{100} \le 210$ minutes then go to Step 4;

If P₁₀₀ > 210 minutes then go to Step 5;

Step 4: Standard Method (where $P_{100} \le 210$ minutes)

Percolation Test Hole		1			2		3		
Fill no.	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	Δp (min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	Δp (min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	Δp (min)
4	11:52	12:56	64.00	11:44	12:40	56.00	12:00	13:12	72.00
2	12:57	14:03	66.00	12:41	13:39	58.00	13:13	14:28	75.00
3	14:04	15:13	69.00	13:40	14:40	60.00	14:29	15:47	78.00
Average ∆p Value			66.33			58.00			75.00
	Average ∆p [Hole No.1]	1/4 =	16.58 (p ₁)	Average ∆p [Hole No.2]		14.50 (p ₂)	Average ∆r [Hole No.3]	o/4 == I	18.75 (p _s)
Result of Tes	st: P =		16.61 (min	/25 mm)					
Comments:									
TEST PASS									

Step 5: Modified Method (where $P_{100} > 210$ minutes)

Percolation Test Hole No.	1				2				3			
Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor = T,	Time of fall (mins) = T _a	K ₆ = T ₁ / T ₇₆	P – Value = 4.45 / K _{rs}	Time Factor = T _i	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K ₀ = T ₁ / T _m	P – Value = 4.45 / K _n	Time Factor = T ₁	Time of fall (mins) = T	K ₀ = T ₁ / T ₁₀	P – Value –4.45
300 - 250	8.1				8.1				8.1			
250 - 200	9.7				9.7				9.7			
200 - 150	11.9				11.9				11.9			
150 - 100	14.1				14.1				14.1			
Average P- Value Hole 1= (p_1)												
Result of Test: P = 0.00 (min/25 mm)												
Comments:												
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3.4 The following associated Maps, Drawings and Photographs should be appended to this site characterisation form.

- Discovery Series 1:50,000 Map indicating overall drainage, groundwater flow direction and housing density in the area.
- 2. Supporting maps for vulnerability, aquifer classification, soil, bedrock.
- 3. North point should always be included.
- 4. (a) Sketch of site showing measurements to Trial Hole location and
 - (b) Percolation Test Hole locations,
 - (c) wells and
 - (d) direction of groundwater flow (if known),
 - (e) proposed house (incl. distances from boundaries)
 - (f) adjacent houses,
 - (g) watercourses,
 - (h) significant sites
 - (i) and other relevant features.
- Cross sectional drawing of the site and the proposed layout¹ should be submitted.
- Photographs of the trial hole, text holes and site (date and time referenced).

¹ The calculated percolation area or polishing filter area should be set out accurately on the site layout drawing in accordance with the code of practice's requirements.

4.0 CONCLUSION of SITE CHARACTERISATION

Integrate the information from the desk study and on-site assessment (i.e. visual assessment, trial hole and percolation tests) above and conclude the type of system(s) that is (are) appropriate. This information is also used to choose the optimum final disposal route of the treated wastewater.

Not Suitable for Development	
Suitable for 1	Discharge Route
Septic tank system (septic tank and percolation area) No	Discharge to Ground Water
2. Secondary Treatment System	v
a. septic tank and filter system constructed on-site and polishing filter; or	
b. packaged wastewater treatment system and polishing filter Yes	
5.0 RECOMMENDATION	
Propose to install: WWTS+ 1ERTIARY TREATI	YENT SYSTEM +
and discharge to: Ground Water DISTRIBU	TION AREA.
Trench Invert level (m):	
Site Specific Conditions (e.g. special works, site improvement works testing e	tc.
Recommendations: We are recommending the use of a proprietary wastewater treatment system, tertiary treatment sy and disposal of domestic effluent generated on this development. We are recommending this system to address the suggestion that the cumulative effect of septic t area could have a negative effect on groundwater.	
Please see attached report	

¹ note; more than one option may be suitable for a site and this should be recorded

² A discharge of sewage effluent to "waters" (definition includes any or any part of any river, stream, lake, canal, reservoir, aquiter, pond, watercourse or other inland waters, whether natural or artificial) will require a licence under the Water Pollution Acts 1977-90. Refer to Section 2.6.2.

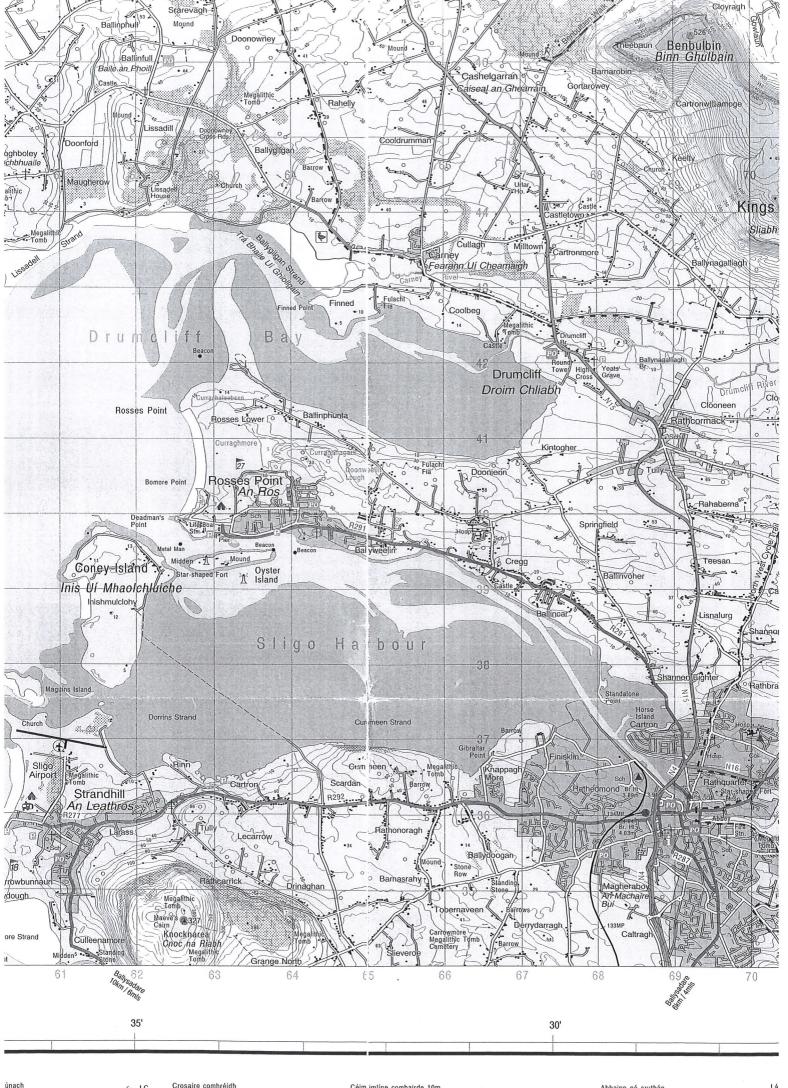
SYSTEM TYPE: Septic Tank System Tank Capacity (m³) Percolation Area Mounded Percolation Area No. of Trenches No. of Trenches Length of Trenches (m) Length of Trenches (m) Invert Level (m) Invert Level (m) SYSTEM TYPE: Secondary Treatment System Filter Systems **Package Treatment Systems** Media Type Area (m²)* Depth of Filter Invert Level Type Sand/Soil Mechanical Aeration System Soil 6.00 Capacity PE Constructed Wetland Sizing of Primary Compartment Other m^3 SYSTEM TYPE: Tertiary Treatment System Polishing Filter: Surface Area (m2)* 12.78 Package Treatment System: Capacity (pe) 6.00 or Gravity Fed: Constructed Wetland: Surface Area (m2)* No. of Trenches Length of Trenches (m) Invert Level (m) **DISCHARGE ROUTE:** Groundwater 1 Hydraulic Loading Rate * (I/m².d) Surface Water ** Discharge Rate (m3/hr) TREATMENT STANDARDS: Treatment System Performance Standard (mg/l) BOD SS NH, Total N Total P 10.00 10.00 10.00 **QUALITY ASSURANCE:** Installation & Commissioning On-going Maintenance F Davitt Planning and Design, Manufacturer of the system Drumkeeran, Co. Leitrim. 0719648886

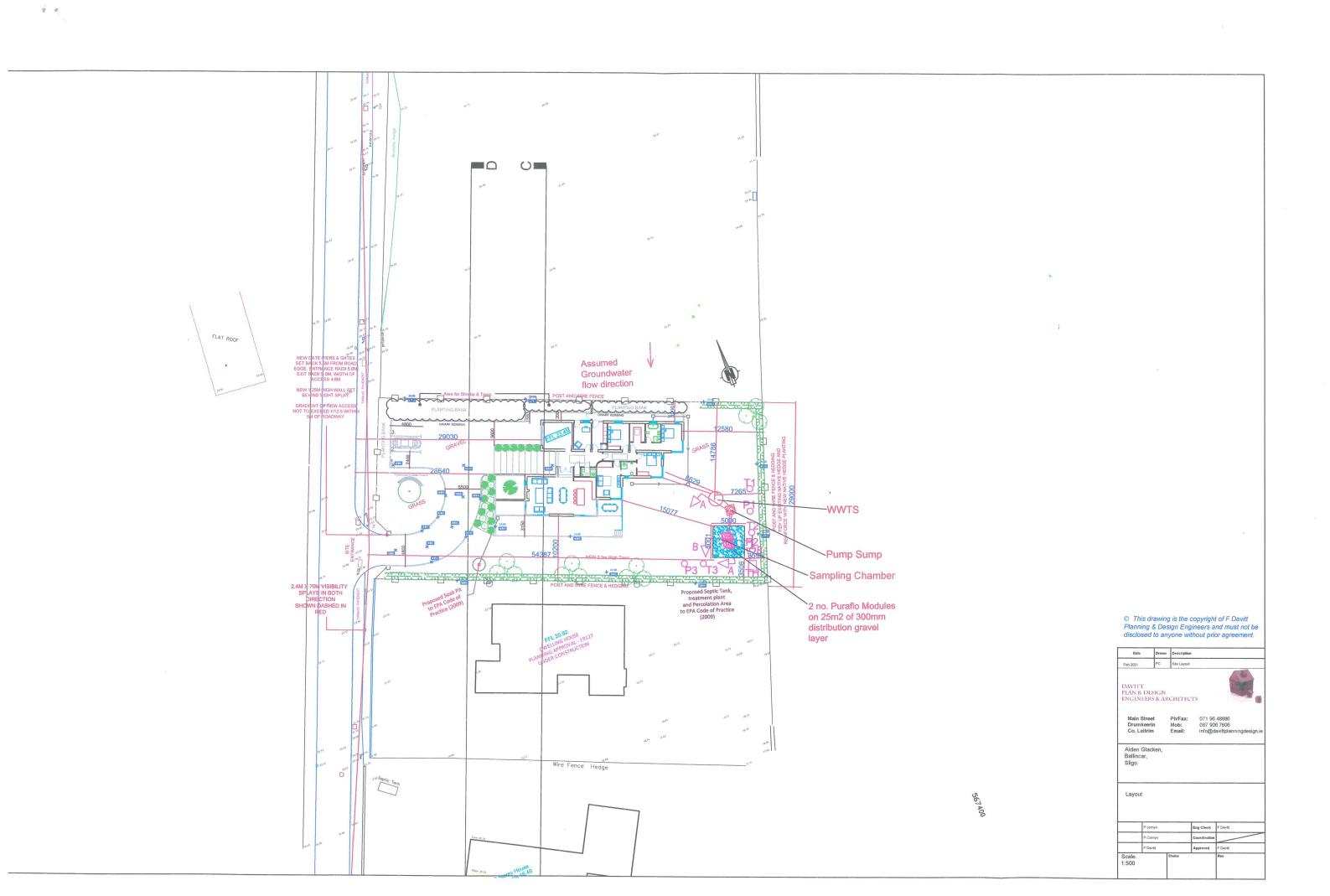
6.0 TREATMENT SYSTEM DETAILS

^{*} Hydrolic loading rate is determined by the percolation rate of subsoil

^{**} Water Pollution Act discharge licence required

7.0 SITE ASSESSOR DETAILS Company: F Davitt Planning & Design Engineers Prefix: Mr. First Name: Francis Surname: Davitt Address: Main Street, Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim Qualifications/Experience: Chartered B Eng, B Surveyor, MSCSI, MIEI, MCABE Date of Report: 17/02/2021 Phone: 071 96 48886 Fax: 071 96 4886 e-mail info@davittplanningdesign.ie Indemnity Insurance Number: ICN094A1C200 Signature:





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