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Planning Department  
Wicklow County Council  
County Buildings  
Wicklow

**Attention: Ms Anne Marie Kelly**

**RE: VARTRY WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT**

**Ref: 16/363. An Bord Pleanála Reference: PL. 247745**

Dear Ms Kelly,

In response to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 please find enclosed an updated Schedule of Commitments. The following amendments have been included in the revised document in response to the points made by the planning authority. For ease of reference, the updates are set out in the table below.

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The document identifies in Section 5.2, that seven of the original filter beds will be filled in, using spoil from the new water treatment plant site, and planted with belts of woodland. However, condition 3 requires that the seven filter beds are to be retained.	<b>Section 5.2</b> wording has been amended to clarify that the seven southern-most filter beds on the site will be backfilled and planted as per the submitted planning application. The original filter beds closest to the dam (seven in number) will be retained.
Reference is made in the ECIA to additional bird boxes and hedgehog houses.	The inclusion of the ecological enhancements stated in the EcIA of bird boxes and hedgehog houses has been included in <b>Section 3.6</b> .
Noise management details are noted, but would appear not to fully accord with the Outline Construction Environmental Plan submitted to the Oral Hearing which refers to 'No heavy construction activities	Wording from the Outline CEMP submitted to the oral hearing referencing the timing of heavy construction activities has been added to <b>Section 6.1</b> .



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to be permitted on Saturdays, before 09:00 on any day, and during state examinations etc. In addition, there is reference in that document to an Environmental Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan which does not appear to be referenced in the submitted statement of commitments.	An additional <b>Section 1.6</b> has been included to reference the Environmental Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.
Commitments at the oral hearing, that works to the Spillway will not involve explosions, and that vibration monitors would be in place for construction, and that Sludge will be de-watered on site and removed to a suitable licensed facility. These commitments should be included in the schedule.	Commitments on blasting and vibration monitoring made at the oral hearing have been added to <b>Section 6.1</b> .  The commitment to sludge being dewatered onsite and removed to a licensed facility are included in <b>Section 12.1</b> .
There are a number of references to training for personnel in the various documents submitted, in particular under the outline CEMP, it is highlighted that environmental training will be given to all permanent and temporary site staff and subcontractors. It is not evident that all training has been identified in the schedule.	An additional <b>Section 1.7</b> has been included to reference the training which is included in the Outline CEMP.
The Planning Authority also request that the following be provided in a separate section to allow for ease of reference:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All seasonal constraints.</li> </ul>	These are listed in an additional <b>Section 3</b> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of all documents to be submitted.</li> </ul>	These are listed in an additional <b>Section 4</b> .

If you have any questions relating to the document please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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