

## **Cobh to Monkstown Estuary Crossing Contract Information Evening Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project**

Letter Reference: [1 CLHMDP XING](#)

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Dear Resident,

### **Re: Cobh to Monkstown Estuary Crossing Contract – Invitation to Information Evening**

Irish Water, in partnership with Cork County Council, is working to end the decades-long practice of discharging raw sewage directly into Cork Lower Harbour with the delivery of the Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project.

The Cobh to Monkstown Estuary Crossing Contract has recently been awarded as part of the Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project, moving the project closer to our goal of treating the equivalent of 40,000 wheelie bins of raw sewage flowing into the harbour by the end of 2021.

Irish Water and our contractor for the Cobh to Monkstown Estuary Crossing Contract, O'Connor Utilities Limited, would like to invite you to the first of our information evenings in relation to the proposed works on the Monkstown side of the Estuary, on Wednesday 1 May from 4.30pm to 8.00pm at Scoil Barra Naofa, Monkstown.

**Time:** 4.30pm - 8.00pm

**Date:** Wednesday 1 May 2019

**Location:** Scoil Barra Naofa, Monkstown

Please find attached an information sheet on the Cobh to Monkstown Estuary Crossing Contract, which explains what is involved in the Estuary Crossing.

The information evening will provide an overview of the project as well an information on the works proposed in the Monkstown area as part of the project.

Members of the project team and the contractor will be available to introduce themselves to you and to answer any questions or concerns you might have relating to the works.

Irish Water is committed to delivering these works with the minimum disruption to residents and businesses and to working with the local community to minimise the impact where possible.

As part of the contract a community liaison officer, Lucy Peters, will be available to answer your queries by telephone at (087) 721 4133 and the project team may also be contacted by email at [CorkLowerHarbour@water.ie](mailto:CorkLowerHarbour@water.ie).

Since the project started, we have halved the amount of raw sewage discharging untreated into the harbour, from the equivalent of 40,000 wheelie bins every day to 20,000 through the construction of the Shanbally Wastewater Treatment Plant and connection of Crosshaven, Carrigaline and Shanbally in December 2016. The network has been repaired and extended on the South side of the estuary. Ringaskiddy was connected to the treatment plant in October 2018 and we expect to be treating the wastewater from Passage West, Glenbrook and Monkstown this Summer. At that stage the equivalent of 30,000 wheelie bins of sewage will be treated daily and discharge safely to the harbour.

When all the Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage works are complete in 2021, the project will treat all wastewater from Passage West, Monkstown, Ringaskiddy, Crosshaven, Carrigaline, Glenbrook, Shanbally, Coolmore and Cobh. This means 20,000 homes and businesses will be connected to the new scheme and that raw sewage will no longer be discharged into the Harbour.

This will have major benefits in terms of protecting the environment and the health of local communities, facilitating economic development and providing for a growing population.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information on the Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage project please visit [www.water.ie/corklowerharbour](http://www.water.ie/corklowerharbour)

We would also encourage you to sign up for our project information mailing list by emailing [CorkLowerHarbour@water.ie](mailto:CorkLowerHarbour@water.ie)

Yours faithfully,

**Déaglán Healy,**  
**Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project Manager**

#### **About this project**

- The Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project will end the discharge of raw sewage from 20,000 homes and businesses into Cork Lower Harbour.
- The Cobh to Monkstown Estuary Crossing will allow the wastewater from Cobh to be pumped to Monkstown and onto the Shanbally Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment before its safe discharge to the harbour.
- This project will have major benefits in terms of protecting the environment and the health of local communities, facilitating economic development and providing for a growing population.