



Contact Details

If you are thinking about a development in any of these towns or villages throughout County Limerick, we believe these initiatives could be of considerable benefit. If you would like more information on how these initiatives could be applied successfully to your plans, then you should contact:

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NB A more detailed technical document is available from the Water Services Section of Limerick County Council.

Further details of these two documents can be viewed on the Council's website at www.lcc.ie



Policy on Water & Sewerage Services for Small Towns and Villages

Introduction

It is the policy of Limerick County Council to encourage and support the development of towns and villages (identified as key settlements in the County Development Plan) throughout the county. For many of these towns and villages, the absence or inadequacy of water and sewerage services has proved a major obstacle to the provision of housing and other developments. Because of their size, many of these towns and villages could not reasonably expect national funding to provide these services in the foreseeable future. The current County Development Plan provides that *"it is the policy of the County Council to adopt a flexible approach to proposals for small scale sewage treatment works in towns and villages lacking in adequate treatment facilities."* In order to overcome some of these difficulties and to fulfil the objectives of the Development Plan, Limerick County Council has now introduced a number of initiatives.

Initiative 1

- The Council will contribute towards the cost of a sewage treatment plant which is provided by a private developer and which meets the needs of the existing population of the town or village, the needs of the new development proposed by the developer and some additional reserve capacity for

future developments. The aim of the Council's contribution will be to ensure that the provision of this facility is viable from the developer's viewpoint.

- A suitable watercourse with sufficient dilution should be available to accept the treated effluent discharge.
- The type of treatment system proposed must be acceptable to the Council on technical grounds.
- Upon satisfactory completion and commissioning, the plant will be transferred to the Council's ownership and the Council will thereafter be responsible for its maintenance and operation.

The Council will, where possible, make available to the developer the existing sewage treatment works site, collection system and outfall for the construction of the new sewage treatment plant.

Initiative 2

In the case of towns and villages where funding has been approved by the DoELG for a new sewerage scheme but where this scheme may not be available for some time, the Council will consider the provision of short term sewage treatment plants within the area to be served by the scheme, where:

- The type of plant and maintenance arrangements are agreed with the Council.
- A suitable watercourse with sufficient dilution is available to accept the treated effluent discharge.

Initiative 3

The Council will consider the provision of a foul sewage pumping station to serve a particular development, where:

- The proposed development cannot be served by a gravity sewer.
- The proposed pumping station is within the developed or zoned (if this applies) area of the town or village.
- The proposed pumping station must be able to serve a sufficiently wide area and would cater for future development and avoid the need for additional pumping.
- The design and specification of the pumping station must be approved by the Council in advance.
- When completed, the pumping station shall be transferred to the ownership of Limerick County Council for its subsequent management and maintenance.

Initiative 4

Where water supply is the obstacle to development, the Council will consider a well supply in the following circumstances, where:

- The proposed development is within the catchment area of a water supply scheme approved by the DoELG and which is likely to be constructed within a reasonable time frame.
- The Council is satisfied with the technical and quality aspects of the proposed supply.
- A reservoir with at least one day's storage is available.
- This temporary water supply will be transferred to the Council upon satisfactory completion and commissioning and the Council will be responsible for its operation and maintenance thereafter.