

Liaise and co-operate with Irish Water in the implementation and delivery of the Water Services Strategic Plan (2015) and the Investment Plan 2020-2024 and other relevant investment works programmes of Irish Water in the delivery of infrastructure in the county. The Tuam Area will not be suitable or considered appropriate siting for a regional Connaught/Louth waste management facility and/or as a regional or county sludge hub given its proximity to the SAC Lough Corrib and River Clare flood plain and the processing or associated treatment will not be permitted in the time of this plan

WW 3 The Greater Galway Area Drainage Study

To seek to accelerate and support the delivery of the Greater Galway Area Drainage Study and the associated solutions as identified in the RSES as an essential infrastructure requirement in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Irish Water and Galway City Council.

WW 4 Requirement to Liaise with Irish Water – Wastewater

Ensure that new developments will only be permitted which are adequately serviced with sufficient capacity for appropriate treatment and disposal (in compliance with the Water Framework Directive and River Basin Management Plan) to the public sewerage system provided for otherwise by the plan. Developers shall liaise with Irish Water with regard to the waste water (and water) infrastructure to ensure sufficient capacity is available prior to the submission of a planning application.

WW 5 Serviced Sites

Support the servicing of small towns and villages including initiatives to provide an alternative to one-off housing in the county in accordance with the National Planning Framework.

WW 6 Private Wastewater Treatment Plants

Ensure that private wastewater treatment plants, where permitted, are operated in compliance with EPA's Code of Practice for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (PE ≤ 10) (EPA 2009), as may be amended.

WW 7 Sustainable Drainage Systems

To require the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require that SuDS measures be incorporated in all new development (including extensions to existing developments). All development proposals must be accompanied by a comprehensive SuDS assessment including run-off quantity, run off quality and impacts on habitat and water quality.

WW 8 Storm Water Infrastructure

To support the improvement of storm water infrastructure and to increase the use of sustainable drainage and reduce the risk of flooding in urban environments.

WW 9 Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants in An Cheathrú Rua

7.5.10 Sludge Management

Irish Water is responsible for the treatment and disposal of the sludge that is generated from both its water and wastewater treatment plants. Irish Water has prepared a National Wastewater Sludge Management Plan (NWSMP) which outlines Irish Water's strategy to ensure a nationwide standardised approach for managing wastewater sludge over a 25-year period. It is proposed that the NWSMP will have ongoing five yearly reviews. The current plan covers 2016-2021 and will be revised and updated in 2021 for the period 2022-2027. A separate plan will be prepared in relation to sludge produced at drinking water plants. The NWSMP proposes to develop a Sludge Hub Centre and Satellite Dewatering Site network for wastewater sludge treatment, optimised on a regional rather than county basis. The Tuam Area will not be suitable or considered appropriate siting for a regional Connaught/Ulster waste management facility and/or as a regional or county sludge hub given its proximity to the SAC Lough Corrib and River Clare flood plain and the processing or associated treatment will not be permitted in the life time of this plan.

Policy Objectives Wastewater	
WW 1	Enhancement of Wastewater Supply Infrastructure
Work in conjunction with Irish Water to maximise the potential of existing capacity and to facilitate the delivery of new waste services infrastructure, to facilitate future growth in the county The Tuam Area will not be suitable or considered appropriate siting for a regional Connaught/Ulster waste management facility and/or as a regional or sludge hub given its proximity to the SAC Lough Corrib and River Clare flood plain and the processing associated treatment will not be permitted in the life time of this plan	
WW 2	Delivery of Wastewater Infrastructure