

### Comhairle Chontae Laoise Laois County Council

## SITE ASSESSMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH E.P.A CODE OF PRACTICE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS SERVING SINGLE HOUSES ( p.e. ≤10)

Laois County Council Housing Dept c/o Darragh Carey, AOCA Engineering Consultants Lismard House, Timahoe-Rd., Portlaoise, Co. Laois

19th September 2019

### SITE SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT REF. NO. 19/117

A Chara,

I refer to your application for Site Suitability Assessment with Laois County Council and enclose a copy of the results herewith.

These results illustrate that your site has been deemed suitable for development.

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PAT DELANEY

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** 

**PLANNING** 

This matter is being dealt with by Antoinette Brennan who can be contacted at 057 86 64014

### SITE CHARACTERISATION FORM

### COMPLETING THE FORM



### Step 1:

Clear Form

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.

### **APPENDIX B: SITE CHARACTERISATION FORM**

File Reference: 19 - 117
1.0 GENERAL DETAILS (From planning application)
Prefix: First Name: Laois County Council Surname:
Address: Site Location and Townland:
c/o Darragh Carey, AOCA Engineering Consultants Lismard House , Timahoe Road, Portlaoise  Coolroe , Ballybrittas
Telephone No: 057 8663244 Fax No:
E-Mail: darragh@aoca.ie
Maximum no. of Residents: 3 No. of Double Bedrooms: 2 No. of Single Bedrooms: 1
Proposed Water Supply: Mains Private Well/Borehole Group Well/Borehole
2.0 GENERAL DETAILS (From planning application)
Soil Type, (Specify Type): AminSP
Aquifer Category: Regionally Important Rk Locally Important Poor
Vulnerability:       Extreme       High       ✓       Moderate       Low       High to Low       Unknown
Bedrock Type: Visean limestone and calcareous shale
Name of Public/Group Scheme Water Supply within 1 km: None
Groundwater Protection Scheme (Y/N): No Source Protection Area: SI SO
Groundwater Protection Response: R2¹
Presence of Significant Sites (Archaeological, Natural & Historical):
Past experience in the area: None
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).
Site potentially suitability for development. Potential targets @ risk : - Ground Water
Site restrictions : -  1. Proposed Dwelling 2. Neighbouring dwelling 3. Site Boundaries
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Note: Only information available at the desk study stage should be used in this section.



### 3.0 ON-SITE ASSESSMENT

3.1 Visual Assessment			
Landscape Position: Toe	of slope		
Slope: Stee	p (>1:5)	Shallow (1:5-1:20)	Relatively Flat (<1:20) ✓
Surface Features within a	ninimum of 250m (Distance	To Features Should Be Noted I	n Metres)
Houses: 3 within 250m of site			
Existing Land Use: Agricul	ture - Bean crop		
Vegetation Indicators: He	dgerow / Trees		
Groundwater Flow Direction	n: North to South		
Ground Condition: Good /	Firm		
Site Boundaries: Northern	and Eastern hedgerow - other two	ppen	7
Roads: Cul de sa	ac off local road		
Outcrops (Bedrock And/Or	Subsoil): N		
Surface Water Ponding:	I	Lakes: N	
Beaches/Shellfish: N		Areas/Wetlands: N	
Karst Features: N			
Watercourse/Stream*: N			
Drainage Ditches*: N			
Springs / Wells*: 3 within	250m of site		
Comments: (Integrate the information above in ord wastewater and the location of the pro		lity of the site, potential targets at risk, the s	uitability of the site to treat the
Site potentially suitability for development Potential targets @ risk : - Ground	lopment. I Water		
Site restrictions : -  1. Proposed D 2. Neighbourin 3. Site Bounda	g dwelling		
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<sup>\*</sup>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): 2.20								
	Depth from ground surface  to bedrock (m) (if present):  Depth from ground surface  to water table (m) (if present):							
Depth of wate	r ingress:	Rock type	e (if present):					
Date and time	of excavation: 03	/09/2019 12:0	Date ar	nd time of examinati	on: 05/09/2019	09:30		
Depth of P/T Test*	Soil/Subsoil Texture & Classification**	Plasticity and dilatancy***	Soil Structure	Density/ Compactness	Colour****	Preferential flowpaths		
0.1 m p 0.2 m p	250mm Topsoil Clay	T = 5, 5, 4 R = 120, 110, 120	Soft	Soft	Dark brown	Bean roots		
0.3 m P 0.4 m P 0.5 m 0.6 m t	250mm Subsoil Clay	T = 110, 120, 110	Soft	Soft	Light brown	None evident		
0.7 m t	400mm Subsoil Clay Gravel	T = 5, 5, 6 R = 130, 130, 120	Dense	Dense	Brown / Grey	None evident		
1.0 m 1.1 m 1.2 m								
1.3 m 1.4 m 1.5 m	1300mm Subsoil Gravel Cobbles Silt	R = 5, 6, 6 R = 130, 130, 120	Compact	Compact	Grey / Brown	None evident		
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 2.6 m					2			
2.7 m								
2.9 m 3.0 m								

Likely T value: 45.00

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> See Appendix E for BS 5930 classification.

<sup>\*\*\* 3</sup> samples to be tested for each horizon and results should be entered above for each horizon.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> All signs of mottling should be recorded.

2 2	Trial Hala	(contd)	Evaluation:
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### 3.3(a) Percolation ("T") Test for Deep Subsoils and/or Water Table

Step 1: Test Hole Preparation

Percolation Test Hole	1	2	3
Depth from ground surface to top of hole (mm) (A)	500	500	500
Depth from ground surface to base of hole (mm) (B)	900	900	900
Depth of hole (mm) [B - A]	400	400	400
Dimensions of hole [length x breadth (mm)]	300 X 300	300 X 300	300 X 300

Step 2: Pre-Soaking Test Holes

Date and Time	**************************************					
pre-soaking started	04/09/2019	10:30	04/09/2019	10:30	04/09/2019	10:30

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

Step 3: Measuring T<sub>100</sub>

Percolation Test Hole No.	1	2	3
Date of test	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	05/09/2019
Time filled to 400 mm	09:10	09:10	09:10
Time water level at 300 mm	12:45	12:30	12:30
Time to drop 100 mm (T <sub>100</sub> )	215.00	200.00	200.00
Average T <sub>100</sub>			205.00

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

If  $T_{100}^{100} \le 210$  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)

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Percolation Test Hole		1			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)
1	12:45	17:00	255.00	12:30	16:15	225.00	12:30	16:15	225.00
2	17:00	22:30	330.00	16:15	21:00	285.00	16:15	20:30	255.00
3	22:30	04:00	330.00	21:00	01:45	285.00	20:30	00:45	255.00
Average ∆t Value			305.00			265.00			245.00
	Average ∆t [Hole No.1]		76.25 (t <sub>1</sub> )	Average ∆t [Hole No.2]		66.25 (t <sub>2</sub> )	Average Δt [Hole No.3		61.25 (t <sub>3</sub> )
Result of Te	est: T =		67.92 (m	in/25 mm)					
Comments:									
T = 68 > site suitable for development									
Step 5: Modified Method (where T <sub>100</sub> > 210 minutes)									
Percolation	I			Ĭ					

Percolation Test Hole No.	1			2			3					
Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor = T <sub>r</sub>	Time of fall (mins) = T <sub>m</sub>	K <sub>fs</sub> = T <sub>f</sub> / T <sub>m</sub>	T – Value = 4.45 / K <sub>fs</sub>	Time Factor = T,	Time of fall (mins) = T <sub>m</sub>	K <sub>fs</sub> = T <sub>f</sub> / T <sub>m</sub>	T – Value = 4.45 / K <sub>fs</sub>	Time Factor = T,	Time of fall (mins) = T <sub>m</sub>	K <sub>fs</sub> = T <sub>f</sub> / T <sub>m</sub>	T – Value = 4.45 / K <sub>fs</sub>
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	e Hole 1=	= (t <sub>1</sub> )	0.00	T- Value	Hole 1=	: (t <sub>2</sub> )	0.00	T- Value	Hole 1=	= (t <sub>3</sub> )	0.00

Result of Test: T =	0.0	0 (min/25 mm)		
Comments:				

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### 3.3(b) Percolation ("P") Test for Shallow Soil / Subsoils and/or Water Table

### Step 1: Test Hole Preparation

Percolation Test Hole	1	2	3
Depth from ground surface to top of hole (mm)	0	0	0
Depth from ground surface to base of hole (mm)	400	400.00	400
Depth of hole (mm)	400	400	400
Dimensions of hole [length x breadth (mm)]	300 × 300	300 X 300	300 × 300

### Step 2: Pre-Soaking Test Holes

Date and Time						
pre-soaking started	04/09/2019	10:30	04/09/2019	10:30	04/09/2019	10:30

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

### Step 3: Measuring P<sub>100</sub>

Percolation Test Hole No.	1	2	3
Date of test	05/09/2019	05/09/2019	05/09/2019
Time filled to 400 mm	09:10	09:10	09:10
Time water level at 300 mm	10:30	10:10	10:15
Time to drop 100 mm (P <sub>100</sub> )	80.00	60.00	65.00
Average P <sub>100</sub>			68.33

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

If  $P_{100} \le 210$  minutes then go to Step 4; If  $P_{100} > 210$  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)
1	10:30	12:30	120.00	10:10	11:15	65.00	10:15	11:15	60.00
2	12:30	14:45	135.00	11:15	12:45	90.00	11:15	12:30	75.00
3	14:45	17:30	165.00	12:45	14:45	120.00	12:30	14:00	90.00
Average ∆p Value			140.00			91.67			75.00
Average $\Delta p/4 =$ Average $\Delta p/4 =$ Average $\Delta p/4 =$ [Hole No.1] 35.00 (p <sub>1</sub> ) [Hole No.2] 22.92 (p <sub>2</sub> ) [Hole No.3] 18.75 (p <sub>3</sub> ) Result of Test: P = 25.56 (min/25 mm)									
Comments:									
P = 26 and T = 68 > site suitable for development									

### **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 <sub>f</sub>	Time of fall (mins) = T <sub>m</sub>	K <sub>fs</sub> = T <sub>f</sub> / T <sub>m</sub>	P – Value = 4.45 / K <sub>fs</sub>	Time Factor = T <sub>f</sub>	Time of fall (mins) = T <sub>m</sub>	K <sub>fs</sub> = T <sub>f</sub> / T <sub>m</sub>	P – Value = 4.45 / K <sub>fs</sub>	Time Factor = T <sub>f</sub>	Time of fall (mins) = T <sub>m</sub>	K <sub>fs</sub> = T <sub>f</sub> / T <sub>m</sub>	P – Value = 4.45 / K <sub>fs</sub>
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	P- Value	e Hole 1:	= (p <sub>1</sub> )	0.00	P- Value	Hole 1=	(p <sub>2</sub> )	0.00	P- Value	Hole 1	= (p <sub>3</sub> )	0.00

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.
- 5. Cross sectional drawing of the site and the proposed layout<sup>1</sup> should be submitted.
- 6. Photographs of the trial hole, test holes and site (date and time referenced).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> 1. Septic tank system (septic tank and percolation area)	Discharge Route  Discharge to Ground Water					
Secondary Treatment System     a. septic tank and filter system constructed on-site and polishing filter; or  b. packaged wastewater treatment system and polishing filter  Yes  Yes						
5.0 RECOMMENDATION						
Propose to install: Packaged wastewater treatment system and polishing filter						
and discharge to: Ground Water						
Trench Invert level (m): 0.60						
Site Specific Conditions (e.g. special works, site improvement works testing etc.	<b>&gt;.</b>					
A treatment system should meet the requirements of I.S. EN 12566-3:2005 Small Wastewater treatment Systems for up to 50 PT- Part 3: Packaged and/or Site Assembled Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plants. The effluent from the packaged system should be treated on a polishing filter where the final discharge is to groundwater and constructed on top of the in-situ soil as follows:  Option 1 - Pumped discharge The treated wastewater from the secondary treatment unit is pumped to a manifold and percolation pipes using typically 32mm diameter laterals with 4-6mm diameter orifices (0.6m apart) at 0.6m spacing between laterals facing downwards over a 250-mm layer of gravel. The detail design should conform to best practice as outlined in design manuals. The loading rates should conform to those listed in Table 10.1 page 44 of the Code of Practice manual for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses. Surface area of Polishing Filter given on the following page was calculated using T values of 51 - 75 for 5 DPE.						
Option 2 - Gravity discharge In the case of loading a percolation area with a P -value of 3 - 75 through percolation trenches, a greater area of polishing filter than for option 1 is required. The length of percolation trench in a polishing filter for secondary-treated wastewater from a five person household for the different percolation values is shown in Table 10.1 page 44 of the Code of Practice manual for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses. Treated wastewater from the secondary filter should flow by gravity to a distribution box, which distributes the flow evenly into the several trenches which should be 500mm wide at 2-m spacing (2.5 m centre to centre and designed according to the criteria given in Table 7.3 of the Code of Practice manual for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses, with the exception that the maximum length of each trench should not exceed 10m. The number of trenches and length of trenches given on the following page was calculated using T values of 51 - 75 for 5 DPE.						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> note: more than one option may be suitable for a site and this should be recorded

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A discharge of sewage effluent to "waters" (definition includes any or any part of any river, stream, lake, canal, reservoir, aquifer, 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.

### 6.0 TREATMENT SYSTEM DETAILS

Tank Capacity (m³)		colation Area		Mounded Percolation Area
	No.	of Trenches		No. of Trenches
	Ler	ngth of Trenches (m)		Length of Trenches (m)
	Inve	ert Level (m)		Invert Level (m)
SYSTEM TYPE: Secon	ndary Treatment	System		
Filter Systems				Package Treatment Systems
Media Type	Area (m²)*	Depth of Filter	Invert Level	Туре
Sand/Soil				
Soil				Capacity PE
Constructed Wetland				Sizing of Primary Compartmen
Other				m³
SYSTEM TYPE: Tertia	ry Treatment Sys	tem		
Polishing Filter: Surfa	ce Area (m²)*	250.00 Pac	kage Treatmen	t System: Capacity (pe)
or Gravity Fed:		Cor	nstructed Wetla	nd: Surface Area (m²)*
No. of Trenches				
Length of Trenches (m)				
Invert Level (m)	L			
DISCHARGE ROUTE:				
Groundwater <	Hydraulic I	oading Rate * (I/m²	.d)	
Surface Water **	Discharge	Rate (m³/hr)		
TREATMENT STANDA	ARDS:			
Treatment System Perf	ormance Standa	rd (mg/l) BOD	SS	NH <sub>4</sub> - N Total N Total P
QUALITY ASSURANC	E:			
Installation & Commiss	ioning	0	n-going Mainter	ance

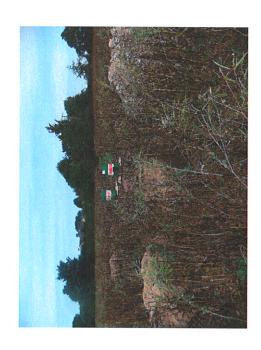
<sup>\*</sup> Hydraulic loading rate is determined by the percolation rate of subsoil

<sup>\*\*</sup> Water Pollution Act discharge licence required

# 7.0 SITE ASSESSOR DETAILS

Company: Laois County Council						
Prefix:	Ms. First Name: Antoinette Surname: Breni	nnan				
Address: Aras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois						
Qualifications/Experience: Executive Technician						
Date of Report: 18/09/2019						
Phone: 057 86 64000 Fax: 057 86 22491 e-mail anbrennan@laoiscoco.ie						
Indemnity Insurance Number: E/010192/072						
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# Soils Map for SSA 19 - 117 Laois Co Co Coolroe.

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AminDW - Deep well well drained mineral (Mainly acidic) Amin PDPT - Peaty acidic) AminSW - Shallow (Mainly acidic) AminSP - Shallow (Mainly acidic) AminPD - Mineral drained mineral mineral (Mainly mineral (Mainly mineral (Mainly drained mineral mineral (Mainly poorly drained poorly drained poorly drained (Mainly acidic) poorly drained poorly drained

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BminSRPT - Shallow, peatymi... complexes rocky, peaty/non-

Teagasc Soils Legend

(Mainly basic)

BktPt - Blanket peat RsPt - Raised Peat FenPt - Fen peat

(mineral) AlluvMRL - Alluvial peat AlluvMIN - Alluvial Cutover/cutaway

(marl) Lac - Lacustrine type Scree - Scree AeoUND - Aeolian soils

acidic) AminSPPT - Shallow peaty poorly drained

undifferentiated MarSands - Marine

acidic) AminSRPT - Shallow,

peatymi... complexes rocky, peaty/non-

sediments Made - Made ground

Water - Water

Unclass

Marine/estuarine sand and gravel MarSed -

> BminDW - Deep well (Mainly basic) BminPD - Mineral

(Mainly basic) Bmin PDPT - Peaty basic) BminSW - Shallow

well drained mineral (Mainly basic) BminSP - Shallow mineral (Mainly poorly drained

basic) BminSPPT - Shallow peaty poorly drained mineral (Mainly

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National Groundwater Vulnerability Ireland Legend Vulnerability Map for SSA 19 - 117 Laois Co Co Coolroe

Rock at or near Surface or Karst Extreme Moderate Low Water High

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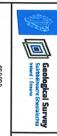
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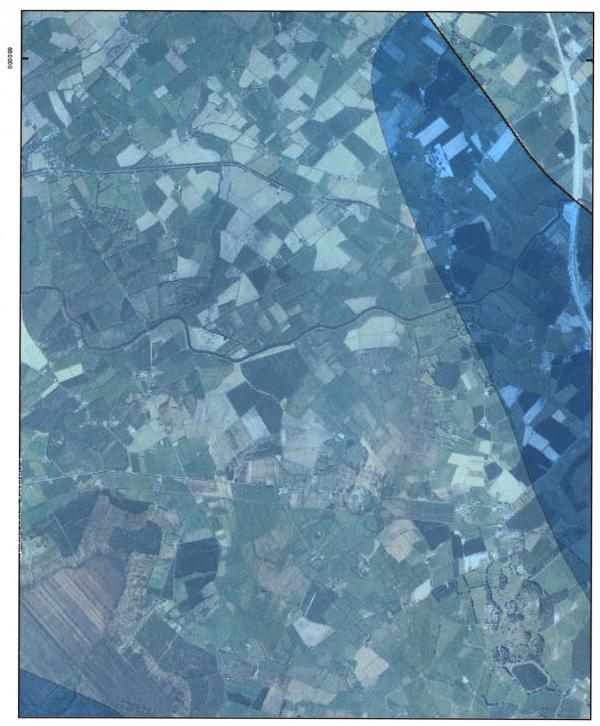
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# Bedrock Map - SSA 19/117 - Laois Co. Co. Coolroe

Legend
\_\_\_ GSI Ireland Bedrock
Faults 1:1,000,000



Scale: 1:50,000

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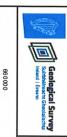
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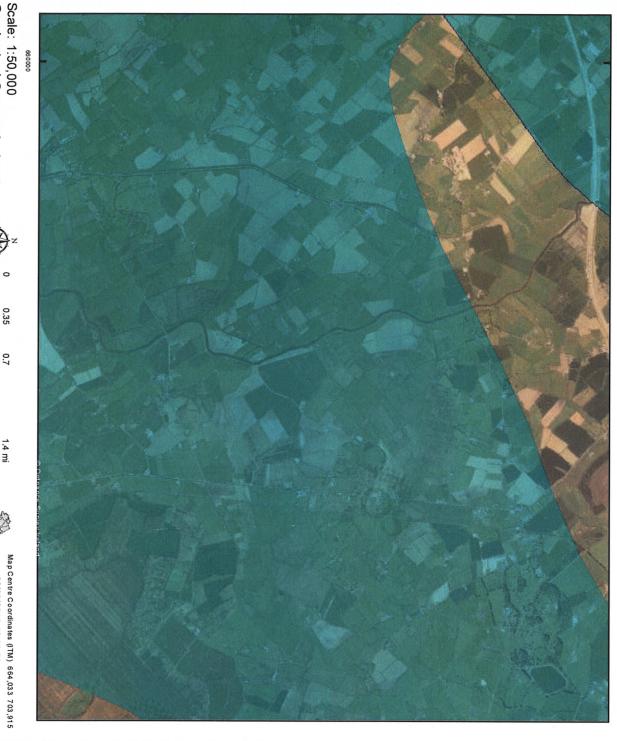
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# Aquifer Map - SSA 19/117 - Laois Co. Co. Coolroe



Legend

Gravel Aquifer

gravel aquifer Regionally important Locally important gravel aquifer

Bedrock Aquifer

Faults

**Bedrock Aquifer** Rkc - Regionally

Important Aquifer -

Important Aquifer -Karstified (conduit) Rkd - Regionally

Important Aquifer -Karstified (diffuse) RK - Regionally

Important Aquifer -Karstified Rf - Regionally Fissured bedrock Lm - Locally

Bedrock which is Important Aquifer -

Productive Generally Moderately

Aquifer - Karstified Lk - Locally Important

Aquifer - Bedrock LI - Locally Important

which is Moderately Local Zones PI - Poor Aquifer -Productive only in

Bedrock which is

Generally for Local Zones Pu - Poor Aquifer -Unproductive except

Bedrock which is

Unproductive Generally

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