

**Kildare County Council,  
Water Services Section**

**SITE CHARACTERISATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR EXISTING HOUSING ESTATE AT TIMOLIN,  
COUNTY KILDARE**

***TIER 2 HYDROGEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR DISCHARGE TO GROUNDWATER***

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## SCOPE OF THIS REPORT

*The findings of this report are the result of a desk study and geological field interpretation. Interpretations and conclusions included in the report are based on knowledge of the ground conditions following detailed investigations, as well as the regional soils, subsoils and bedrock geology, and the experience of the author. Dr. Robert Meehan has prepared this report in line with best current practice and with all reasonable skill, care and diligence in consideration of the limits imposed by the survey techniques used and the resources devoted to it by agreement with the client. The interpretative basis of the conclusions contained in this report should be taken into account in any future use of this report.*

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## SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS, MAPS AND DIAGRAMS

### 1.0 GENERAL DETAILS

The figure of 100 people population equivalent refers to the potential

- Maximum 5 residents per day using the facilities at the 12 no. houses in the existing, older housing estate which is currently served by the existing septic tank on the site (3 bedroomed houses, which equates to 5 p.e. x 12 = 60 people)
- Maximum 6 residents per day using the facilities at the 6 no. houses in the adjacent, existing 'Mill Brook' housing estate (3 bedroomed houses, which equates to 5 p.e. x 6 = 30 people)
- Plus a 'buffer' of 10 p.e. to potentially cater for additional loading

Figures from Mr. Colum Fagan, A/Executive Engineer, Water Services Section, Kildare County Council.

The maximum potential volume of wastewater generated is therefore (100 p.e. x 150 litres per person) = 15,000 litres per day (15.0m<sup>3</sup>/day).

### 3.0 ON-SITE ASSESSMENT

#### 3.1 Visual Assessment

<b>SURFACE FEATURES (Distance to features should be noted in metres)</b>	
<b>HOUSES:</b>	<p>The existing twelve houses in the estate will be between 30m and 75m from the proposed WWTS and polishing filter area (and up-gradient of them).</p> <p>The six houses to the southwest will be between 10m and 22m from the proposed WWTS and polishing filter area (and alongside).</p> <p>The two houses to the south will be approx. 62m and 75m from the proposed WWTS and polishing filter (and down-gradient).</p> <p>There are seven other houses to the southwest, between approx. 82m and 250m from the proposed WWTS and polishing filter (all alongside).</p> <p>There are also four other houses to the northwest which are between approx. 80m and 140m from the proposed WWTS and polishing filter (and up-gradient).</p> <p>There are no other domestic houses within 250m of the proposed WWTS and infiltration area.</p>
<b>EXISTING LAND USE:</b>	<p>The site is surrounded by agricultural pasture to the east and southeast, with many residential gardens and 'made' ground to the north, west and southwest. Arable crops are grown further to the west and east.</p>
<b>SITE BOUNDARIES:</b>	<p>The site is bounded by fences to the northeast and southeast, and walls to the northwest and southwest.</p> <p>The site of sufficient size to install a new WWTS and polishing filter area, once the percolation rates are moderate to rapid.</p>

<p><b>GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION:</b></p>	<p>Assumed to be towards the south, downslope towards the Botkoge River which is approx. 110m to the south of the site.</p> <p>The water level in the adjacent spring, 70m south of the site, was 1.5m below ground level there on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015; groundwater was at 4.6m bgl at that time in BH2, which is at approx. 5m higher elevation. From this, the general groundwater gradient seems to be in keeping with this north-south assumption.</p>
<p><b>ROADS:</b></p>	<p>A third class road faces the site to the southwest, approx. 70m down-gradient of the proposed WWTS and polishing filter area, while the R448 road is approx. 95m to the northwest, and up-gradient.</p>
<p><b>WATERCOURSE/STREAM*:</b></p>	<p>The closest surface watercourse to the site is the Botkoge River, approx. 110m to the south of the site. This runs in a 1.6m-2.3m deep channel, and is approx. 0.9m deep and 2.5m across.</p> <p>This is joined by a smaller stream which rises from a spring approx. 95m east of the site, and flows towards the southwest. This stream is 0.2m deep, in a 1.2m-1.8m channel.</p> <p>These are the only streams or other watercourses within 250m of the site.</p>
<p><b>DRAINAGE DITCHES*:</b></p>	<p>There are no drainage ditches within 250m of the proposed WWTS and polishing filter.</p>
<p><b>SPRINGS/WELLS*:</b></p>	<p>Springs occur approx. 70m south and 105m east of the proposed WWTS and polishing filter.</p> <p>No wells occur within 250m of the proposed WWTS and polishing filter, though two boreholes have been bored as part of the accompanying Tier 2 Hydrogeological Risk Assessment.</p> <p><i>As all the wells in the locality will therefore meet the required separation distances of the Groundwater Protection Responses of GSI/EPA/DoELG and the EPA Code of Practice (2009), none are deemed to be at risk from the proposed WWTS and polishing filter area.</i></p>

### 3.2 Trial Hole Number 2

Trial Hole should be a minimum of 2.1 m deep (3m for a regionally important aquifers)

Depth of trial hole (m):	3.1m	Date and time of excavation:	11/05/2015 12.45	Date and time of examination:	13/05/2015 13.50	
Depth from ground surface to bedrock (m)	>3.1m	Depth from ground surface to water table (m)	>3.1m			
Depth below ground level	Soil/Subsoil Texture & Classification	Soil Structure	Density/ Compactness	Colour **	Preferential flowpaths	
0.1m	<i>'A' horizon</i> Organic loam	Crumb	Compact	Very dark brown (2/2 10YR)	Abundant shrub and grass roots and rootlets	
0.2m		<i>'B' horizon</i> slightly sandy SILT with occasional gravels (2, 2, 1 threads; 60mm, 50mm, 80mm ribbons; dilatant, raspy)	Subangular blocky	Variable firm to stiff		Very dark brown (2/2 10YR)
0.3m			<i>'C<sub>1</sub>' horizon</i> silty SAND with occasional gravels and cobbles (0, 1, 1 threads; 50mm, 40mm, 40mm ribbons; slightly dilatant, very raspy, cohesive)	Massive, yet fissile		Variable soft to firm
0.4m	<i>'C<sub>2</sub>' horizon</i> gravelly SAND with occasional cobbles (0, 0, 0 threads; 0mm, 0mm, 0mm ribbons; non-dilatant, very raspy)	Massive, yet fissile		Variable soft to stiff	Brown (4/3, 10YR)	
0.5m						
0.6m						
0.7m						
0.8m						
0.9m						
1.0m						
1.1m						
1.2m	Base of hole	Massive, yet fissile	Variable soft to stiff	Brown (4/3, 10YR)	Fissile partings	
1.3m						
1.4m						
1.5m						
1.6m						
1.7m						
1.8m						
1.9m						
2.0m						
2.1m						
2.2m						
2.3m						
2.4m						
2.5m						
2.6m						
2.7m						
2.8m						
2.9m						
3.0m						

<b>Other Information</b>					
<b>Depth of water ingress</b>	None	<b>Rock Type (if present)</b>	Not met	<b>Likely T value</b>	3-10
<b>Mottling present (Yes or No)</b>	No	<b>Smearing present in topsoil (Yes or No)</b>	No	<b>Smearing present in subsoil (Yes or No)</b>	No
<p><b>EVALUATION:</b></p> <p>The upper 0.1m-0.13m of the trial hole encounters very dark brown, organic loam topsoil, which is unmottled.</p> <p>This is underlain by the 'B' horizon, which extends to 0.31m/0.36m depth and is a firm to stiff, subangular blocky, very dark brown, slightly sandy SILT with occasional gravels.</p> <p>The soil sequence is therefore of a well aerated, brown earth of high base status topsoil draining vertically or sub-vertically to the subsoil.</p> <p>The subsoil below these layers consists of two horizons. The 'C<sub>1</sub>' horizon extends to 1.1m/1.24m depth and is a soft to firm, massive, yet fissile, very dark brown, silty SAND with occasional gravels and cobbles. This is underlain to the base of the hole by the 'C<sub>2</sub>' horizon; a brown, soft to stiff, massive yet fissile, gravelly SAND with occasional cobbles. As no mottling is seen in the subsoil units, this entire zone is therefore unsaturated throughout the year.</p> <p>Neither bedrock nor the water table was met in the trial hole, at 3.1m below ground level. There therefore exists at least 3.1m depth of unsaturated soil and subsoil material between the ground surface and the water table on this portion of the site.</p> <p>The site is therefore probably suitable for a mechanical aeration system and discharge to ground into the subsoil, if the 'T' and 'P' values are between 3 and 75. The values are likely to be between 3 and 10.</p>					

**3.3(a) Percolation (“T” and “P”) Tests Number 4 @ relevant subsoil layer**

Percolation Test Hole				T4			P4			
Depth from ground surface to top of hole (mm) (A)				400			0			
Depth from ground surface to base of hole (mm) (B)				800			400			
Depth of hole (mm) [B - A]				400			400			
Dimensions of hole [length x breadth (mm)]				300 x 300			300 x 300			
Each hole must be pre-soaked twice before the test is carried out (from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and from 5.00 pm to next morning)										
Date of test				12/05/2015			12/05/2015			
Date and times of pre-soaking of test holes				11/05/2015, 14.00 and 15.20						
Time filled to 400 mm				11.08			11.02			
Time water level at 300 mm				11.23			11.22			
Test Hole No.	T4			T4			P4			
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	11.23	11.39	16				11.22	12.05	43	
2	11.39	12.00	21				12.05	12.48	43	
3	12.00	12.27	27				12.48	13.42	54	
Average Δt			21.3	Average Δt			Average Δt			46.7
Average Δt/4 = 5.3 (t <sub>4</sub> )				Average Δt/4 = ()			Average Δt/4 = 11.7 (p <sub>4</sub> )			



Figure 1: Location of the site at Timolin, marked with a red circle (O.S. Licence EN 057915).



Figure 2: Interpreted groundwater flow direction under and around the site, which is thought to be generally southwards towards the Botkoge River (O.S. Licence EN 0057915).



Figure 3: Features around the site, including houses, roads, streams, drainage ditches, springs, hedgerows and land use.



Figure 4: Location of trial hole and percolation test holes on the site, in relation to the existing septic tank and the proposed new polishing filter area.



**Plate 1: View of the site from the south, while excavating the test hole. See the well drained appearance of the land around the site. The holes were dug at the edge of the footprint of where the proposed polishing filter area will be located.**



**Plate 2: Profile of soil and subsoil in trial hole number 1. See the well aerated nature of the topsoil and the subsoil, with no mottling throughout the profile. See also the absence of bedrock and the water table at 2.1m below ground level.**



**Plate 3: Profile of soil and subsoil in trial hole number 2. See the well aerated nature of the topsoil and the subsoil, with no mottling throughout the profile. See again the absence of bedrock and the water table at 3.1m below ground level.**



**Plate 4: Water falling on morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in 'T' test hole number 1.**



**Plate 5: Water falling on morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in ‘T’ test hole number 2.**



**Plate 6: Water falling on morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in ‘T’ test hole number 3.**



**Plate 7: Water falling on morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in ‘T’ test hole number 4.**



**Plate 8: Water falling on morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in ‘P’ test hole number 1.**



**Plate 9: Water falling on morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in ‘P’ test hole number 2.**



**Plate 10: Water falling on morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in ‘P’ test hole number 3.**



**Plate 11: Water falling on morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in ‘P’ test hole number 4.**



**Plate 12: The existing septic tank system on the site, which must be decommissioned as part of the proposed development.**

### CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Client : Robert Meehan, B.A., PhD, PGeo  
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Report No. : 261844  
 Date of Receipt : 29/05/2015  
 Start Date of Analysis : 29/05/2015  
 Date of Report : 06/07/2015  
 Order Number :  
 Sample taken by : Client

Lab No	Sample Description	Test	*	Result	Units
597184	Timolin site, GW1 (up-gradient)	Colour	R	<4	mg/l Pt Co
		Turbidity	R	0.9	N.T.U.
		pH	R	7.2	pH Units
		Conductivity @20C	R	608	uS/cm
		Alkalinity, total	R	298	mg/l CaCO3
		Total Nitrogen as N	R	6.65	mg/L
		Nitrate as N	R	5.97	mg/l
		Nitrite as N	R	0.005	mg/l
		Total Phosphorus as P	R	<0.05	mg/l
		Copper, total	R	2	ug/l
		Sodium, total	R	13	mg/l
		Chloride	R	22.9	mg/l
		Iron, total	R	31	ug/l
		Ammonium as NH4-N	R	<0.005	mg/l
		Potassium, total	R	6	mg/l
		Total Hardness (Kone)	R	338	mg/l CaCO3
		Cyanide (Total)	S	<0.5	ug/l
		Mercury	S	<0.02	ug/l
		Magnesium, total	R	20	mg/l
		Sulphate	R	19.2	mg/l
		Uranium	S	3.009	ug/l
		Temperature (by client)	R	10.9	°C
		TDS (gravimetric)	R	429	mg/l
		Un-ionised Ammonia (Calculation, pH & Temp. depend)	R	0.00002	mg/l
		Arsenic, total	R	<0.5	ug/l
		Manganese, total	R	90	ug/l
		Zinc, total	R	10	ug/l
		Chromium, total	R	<0.5	ug/l
		Calcium, total	R	444	mg/l
		Nickel, total	R	2	ug/l
		Aluminium, Total	R	8	ug/l
		Lead, total	R	<0.5	ug/l
		Antimony, total	R	2	ug/l
		Cadmium, total	R	<0.5	ug/l
		Barium, total	R	30	ug/l
		Selenium, total	R	2	ug/l
		TOC	R	1.51	mg/L
		Odour (absence/presence)	R	No	
		Clostridium Perfringens in Water	R	32	cfu/100ml
		Boron, total (mg/l)	R	0.016	mg/l
E coli (Filtration) (Environmental Waters)	R	41	cfu/100ml		
Total Coliforms (Filtration) (Environmental Waters)	R	51	cfu/100ml		
Enterococci (Environmental Waters- Incubated at 37°C and 44 °C)	R	47	cfu/100ml		
Molybdate Reactive Phosphorus (MRP unfiltered) as PO4-P	R	0.018	mg/l		



Approved by:

*Barbara Lee*

**Barbara Lee  
 Environmental  
 Scientist**

See below for test specifications and accreditation status.

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\* Location of analysis: R=Ros Muc, M=MedPharma, S=Subcontracted.

Test	Specification	CLS 17025 status	GMP/FDA <sup>1</sup>	ISO <sup>2</sup>	Sub <sup>3</sup>	Sub 17025 Status
Colour	CLS 29	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Turbidity	CLS 30	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
pH	CLS 26	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Conductivity @20C	CLS 67	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Alkalinity, total	CLS 54	No	No	Yes	No	No
Total Nitrogen as N	CLS 152	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Nitrate as N	Konelab CLS 39	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Nitrite as N	Konelab CLS 37	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Total Phosphorus as P	CLS 151	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Copper, total	ICP-MS CLS 129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Sodium, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Chloride	Konelab CLS 36	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Iron, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Ammonium as NH4-N	Konelab CLS 40	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Potassium, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Total Hardness (Kone)	Konelab CLS 77	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Cyanide (Total)		No	No	N/A	Yes	No
Mercury	Atomic Fluorescence	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes
Magnesium, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Sulphate	Konelab CLS 88	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Uranium	ICP	No	No	N/A	Yes	No
Temperature (by client)		No	No	Yes	No	No
TDS (gravimetric)	CLS 93	No	No	Yes	No	No
Un-ionised Ammonia (Calculation, pH & Temp. depend)	Konelab CLS 40	No	No	Yes	No	No
Arsenic, total	ICP-MS CLS 129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Manganese, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Zinc, total	ICP-MS CLS 129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Chromium, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Calcium, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Nickel, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Aluminium, Total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Lead, total	ICP-MS CLS 129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Antimony, total	ICP-MS CLS 129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Cadmium, total	ICP-MS CLS 129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Barium, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Selenium, total	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
TOC	CLS 150	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Odour (absence/presence)		No	No	Yes	No	No
Clostridium Perfringens in Water	CLS 43	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Boron, total (mg/l)	ICP-MS CLS129	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
E coli (Filtration) (Environmental Waters)	CLS 16	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Total Coliforms	CLS 16	Yes	No	Yes	No	No

(Filtration) (Environmental Waters)						
Enterococci (Environmental Waters Incubated at 37°C and 44 °C)	CLS 42	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Molybdate Reactive Phosphorus (MRP unfiltered) as PO4-P	Konelab CLS 35	Yes	No	Yes	No	No

<sup>1</sup>Analysis carried out in a GMP approved, FDA inspected facility (MedPharma site only).

<sup>2</sup>Laboratory Analysis, Sampling, Technical Backup, Training, Food Safety Program Auditing and Monitoring are all ISO 9001:2008 certified (Ros Muc site only).

<sup>3</sup>Subcontracted.

Lab No	Sample ID	Sample Condition on Receipt	Sampling Date
597184	Timolin site, GW1 (up-gradient)	Good condition	28/05/2015

# SITE CHARACTERISATION FORM

## COMPLETING THE FORM

### Step 1:

Goto Menu Item **File, Save As** and save the file under a reference relating to the client or the planning application reference if available.

#### Clear Form

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:

## 1.0 GENERAL DETAILS (From planning application)

Prefix:  First Name:  Surname:

Address:  Site Location and Townland:

Telephone No:  Fax No:

E-Mail:

Maximum no. of Residents:  No. of Double Bedrooms:  No. of Single Bedrooms:

Proposed Water Supply: Mains  Private Well/Borehole  Group Well/Borehole

## 2.0 GENERAL DETAILS (From planning application)

Soil Type, (Specify Type):

Aquifer Category: Regionally Important  Locally Important  Poor

Vulnerability: Extreme  High  Moderate  Low  High to Low  Unknown

Bedrock Type:

Name of Public/Group Scheme Water Supply within 1 km:

Groundwater Protection Scheme (Y/N):  Source Protection Area: SI  SO

Groundwater Protection Response:

Presence of Significant Sites (Archaeological, Natural & Historical):

Past experience in the area:

### 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).

**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:

Slope: Steep (>1:5)  Shallow (1:5-1:20)  Relatively Flat (<1:20)

Surface Features within a minimum of 250m (Distance To Features Should Be Noted In Metres)

Houses:

Existing Land Use:

Vegetation Indicators:

Groundwater Flow Direction:

Ground Condition:

Site Boundaries:

Roads:

Outcrops (Bedrock And/Or Subsoil):

Surface Water Ponding:  Lakes:

Beaches/Shellfish:  Areas/Wetlands:

Karst Features:

Watercourse/Stream\*:

Drainage Ditches\*:

Springs / Wells\*:

#### Comments:

(Integrate the information above in order to comment on: the potential suitability of the site, potential targets at risk, the suitability of the site to treat the wastewater and the location of the proposed system within the site).

\*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):

Depth from ground surface to bedrock (m) (if present):

Depth from ground surface to water table (m) (if present):

Depth of water ingress:

Rock type (if present):

Date and time of excavation:

Date and time of examination:

Depth of P/T Test*	Soil/Subsoil Texture & Classification**	Plasticity and dilatancy***	Soil Structure	Density/ Compactness	Colour****	Preferential flowpaths
0.1 m	<input type="text"/>					
0.2 m	<input type="text"/>					
0.3 m	<input type="text"/>					
0.4 m	<input type="text"/>					
0.5 m	<input type="text"/>					
0.6 m	<input type="text"/>					
0.7 m	<input type="text"/>					
0.8 m	<input type="text"/>					
0.9 m	<input type="text"/>					
1.0 m	<input type="text"/>					
1.1 m	<input type="text"/>					
1.2 m	<input type="text"/>					
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1.7 m	<input type="text"/>					
1.8 m	<input type="text"/>					
1.9 m	<input type="text"/>					
2.0 m	<input type="text"/>					
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2.6 m	<input type="text"/>					
2.7 m	<input type="text"/>					
2.8 m	<input type="text"/>					
2.9 m	<input type="text"/>					
3.0 m	<input type="text"/>					

Likely T value:

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

\*\* See Appendix E for BS 5930 classification.

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

\*\*\*\* All signs of mottling should be recorded.

**3.2 Trial Hole (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)			
Depth from ground surface to base of hole (mm) (B)			
Depth of hole (mm) [B - A]			
Dimensions of hole [length x breadth (mm)]	x	x	x

**Step 2: Pre-Soaking Test Holes**

Date and Time pre-soaking started

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

**Step 3: Measuring  $T_{100}$**

**Percolation Test Hole No.**

	1	2	3
Date of test			
Time filled to 400 mm			
Time water level at 300 mm			
Time to drop 100 mm ( $T_{100}$ )			
Average $T_{100}$			

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

If  $T_{100} \leq 210$  minutes then go to Step 4;

If  $T_{100} > 210$  minutes then go to Step 5;

**Step 4:** Standard Method (where  $T_{100} \leq 210$  minutes)

Percolation Test Hole	1			2			3		
Fill no.	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	$\Delta t$ (min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	$\Delta t$ (min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	$\Delta t$ (min)
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Average $\Delta t$ Value	<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>		
	Average $\Delta t/4 =$ <input type="text"/> (t <sub>1</sub> )			Average $\Delta t/4 =$ <input type="text"/> (t <sub>2</sub> )			Average $\Delta t/4 =$ <input type="text"/> (t <sub>3</sub> )		

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

Comments:

**Step 5:** Modified Method (where  $T_{100} > 210$  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>	T - 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>	T - 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>	T - Value = 4.45 / K <sub>fs</sub>
300 - 250	8.1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	8.1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	8.1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
250 - 200	9.7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	9.7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	9.7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
200 - 150	11.9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	11.9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	11.9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
150 - 100	14.1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	14.1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	14.1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Average T- Value	T- Value Hole 1= (t <sub>1</sub> ) <input type="text"/>				T- Value Hole 1= (t <sub>2</sub> ) <input type="text"/>				T- Value Hole 1= (t <sub>3</sub> ) <input type="text"/>			

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

Comments:

### 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)			
Depth from ground surface to base of hole (mm)			
Depth of hole (mm)			
Dimensions of hole [length x breadth (mm)]	x	x	x

#### Step 2: Pre-Soaking Test Holes

Date and Time pre-soaking started						
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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			
Time filled to 400 mm			
Time water level at 300 mm			
Time to drop 100 mm (P <sub>100</sub> )			
Average P <sub>100</sub>			

If P<sub>100</sub> > 300 minutes then P-value >90 – site unsuitable for discharge to ground

If P<sub>100</sub> ≤ 210 minutes then go to Step 4;

If P<sub>100</sub> > 210 minutes then go to Step 5;

**Step 4: Standard Method (where  $P_{100} \leq 210$  minutes)**

Percolation Test Hole	1			2			3		
Fill no.	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	$\Delta p$ (min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	$\Delta p$ (min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	$\Delta p$ (min)
1									
2									
3									
Average $\Delta p$ Value									
	Average $\Delta p/4 =$ [Hole No.1] <input type="text"/> ( $p_1$ )			Average $\Delta p/4 =$ [Hole No.2] <input type="text"/> ( $p_2$ )			Average $\Delta p/4 =$ [Hole No.3] <input type="text"/> ( $p_3$ )		

Result of Test:  $P =$   (min/25 mm)

Comments:

**Step 5: Modified Method (where  $P_{100} > 210$  minutes)**

Percolation Test Hole No.	1				2				3			
Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor = $T_f$	Time of fall (mins) = $T_m$	$K_{fs} = T_f / T_m$	P - Value = $4.45 / K_{fs}$	Time Factor = $T_f$	Time of fall (mins) = $T_m$	$K_{fs} = T_f / T_m$	P - Value = $4.45 / K_{fs}$	Time Factor = $T_f$	Time of fall (mins) = $T_m$	$K_{fs} = T_f / T_m$	P - Value = $4.45 / K_{fs}$
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 Hole 1= ( $p_1$ ) <input type="text"/>				P- Value Hole 1= ( $p_2$ ) <input type="text"/>				P- Value Hole 1= ( $p_3$ ) <input type="text"/>			

Result of Test:  $P =$   (min/25 mm)

Comments:

**3.4 The following associated Maps, Drawings and Photographs should be appended to this site characterisation form.**

1. 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>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)

2. Secondary Treatment System

a. septic tank and filter system constructed on-site and polishing filter; or

b. packaged wastewater treatment system and polishing filter

### Discharge Route

## 5.0 RECOMMENDATION

Propose to install:

and discharge to:

Trench Invert level (m):

Site Specific Conditions (e.g. special works, site improvement works testing etc.)

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

<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

### SYSTEM TYPE: Septic Tank System

Tank Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )	<input type="text"/>	Percolation Area		Mounded Percolation Area	
		No. of Trenches	<input type="text"/>	No. of Trenches	<input type="text"/>
		Length of Trenches (m)	<input type="text"/>	Length of Trenches (m)	<input type="text"/>
		Invert Level (m)	<input type="text"/>	Invert Level (m)	<input type="text"/>

### SYSTEM TYPE: Secondary Treatment System

#### Filter Systems

Media Type	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )*	Depth of Filter	Invert Level
Sand/Soil	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Soil	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Constructed Wetland	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

#### Package Treatment Systems

Type	<input type="text"/>
Capacity PE	<input type="text"/>
Sizing of Primary Compartment	<input type="text"/> m <sup>3</sup>

### SYSTEM TYPE: Tertiary Treatment System

Polishing Filter: Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> )*	<input type="text"/>	Package Treatment System: Capacity (pe)	<input type="text"/>
or Gravity Fed:		Constructed Wetland: Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> )*	<input type="text"/>
No. of Trenches	<input type="text"/>		
Length of Trenches (m)	<input type="text"/>		
Invert Level (m)	<input type="text"/>		

### DISCHARGE ROUTE:

Groundwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydraulic Loading Rate * (l/m <sup>2</sup> .d)	<input type="text"/>
Surface Water **	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discharge Rate (m <sup>3</sup> /hr)	<input type="text"/>

### TREATMENT STANDARDS:

Treatment System Performance Standard (mg/l)	BOD	SS	NH <sub>4</sub> - N	Total N	Total P
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### QUALITY ASSURANCE:

#### Installation & Commissioning

#### On-going Maintenance

\* Hydraulic loading rate is determined by the percolation rate of subsoil

\*\* Water Pollution Act discharge licence required

## 7.0 SITE ASSESSOR DETAILS

Company:

Prefix:  First Name:  Surname:

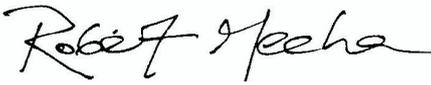
Address:

Qualifications/Experience:

Date of Report:

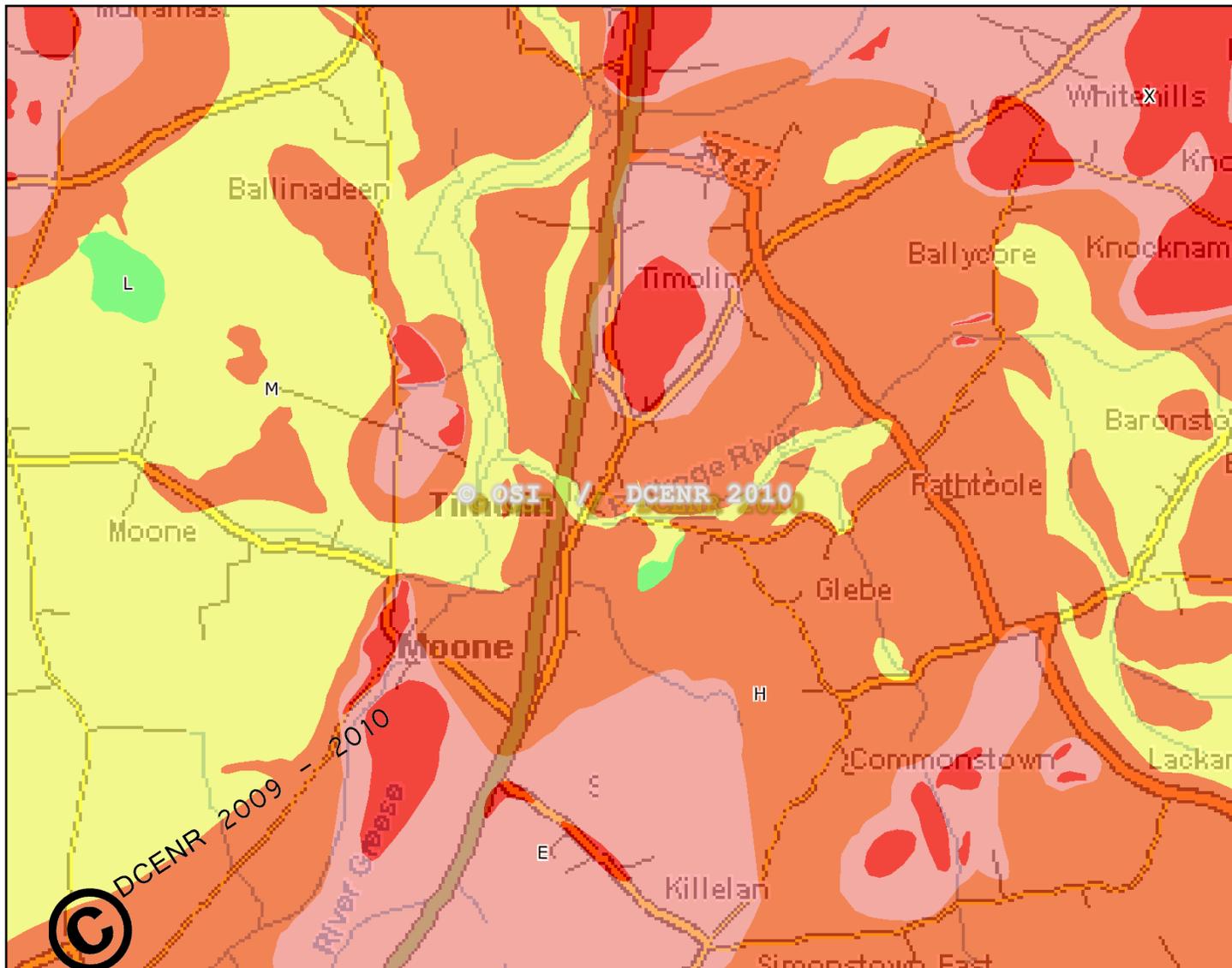
Phone:  Fax:  e-mail

Indemnity Insurance Number:

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_



# Timolin Groundwater Vulnerability



**Legend**

Vulnerability

- X (Rock near Surface or Karst)
- E - Extreme
- H - High
- M - Moderate
- L - Low
- Water
- Watermark



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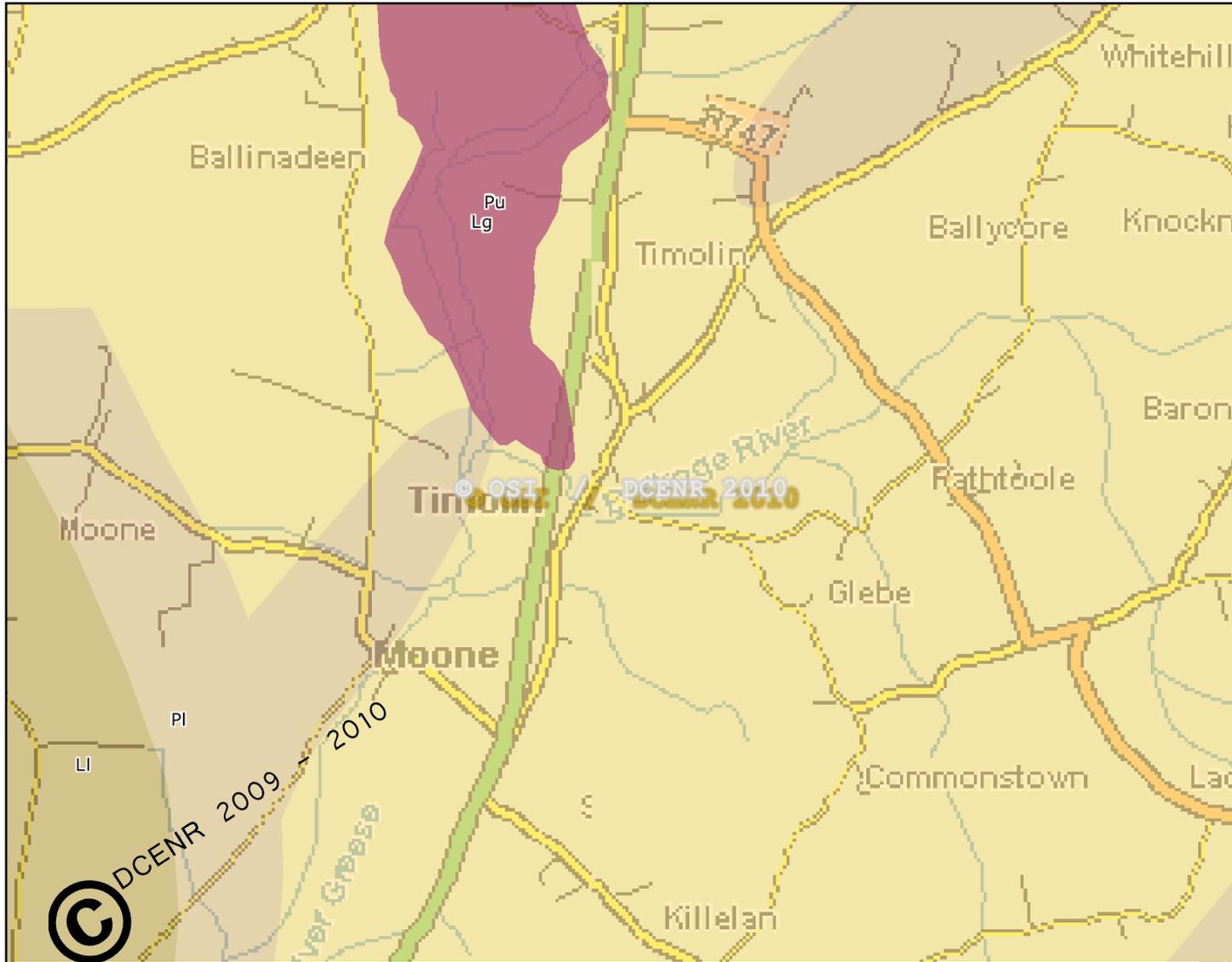
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# Timolin Aquifers



## Legend

National Draft Gravel Aquifer Map

- Rg - Regionally important, extensive sand/gravels aquifers
- Lg - Locally important, sand/gravel aquifers

National Draft Bedrock Aquifer Map

- Rf - Regionally Important Aquifer - Fissured bedrock
- Rk - Regionally Important Aquifer - Karstified
- Rkd - Regionally Important Aquifer - Karstified (diffuse)
- Rkc - Regionally Important Aquifer - Karstified (conduit)
- Lm - Locally Important Aquifer - Bedrock which is Generally Moderately Productive
- Lk - Locally Important Aquifer - Karstified
- LI - Locally Important Aquifer - Bedrock which is Moderately Productive only in Local Zones
- PI - Poor Aquifer - Bedrock which is Generally Unproductive except for Local Zones
- Pu - Poor Aquifer - Bedrock which is Generally Unproductive
- Unclassified
- Watermark

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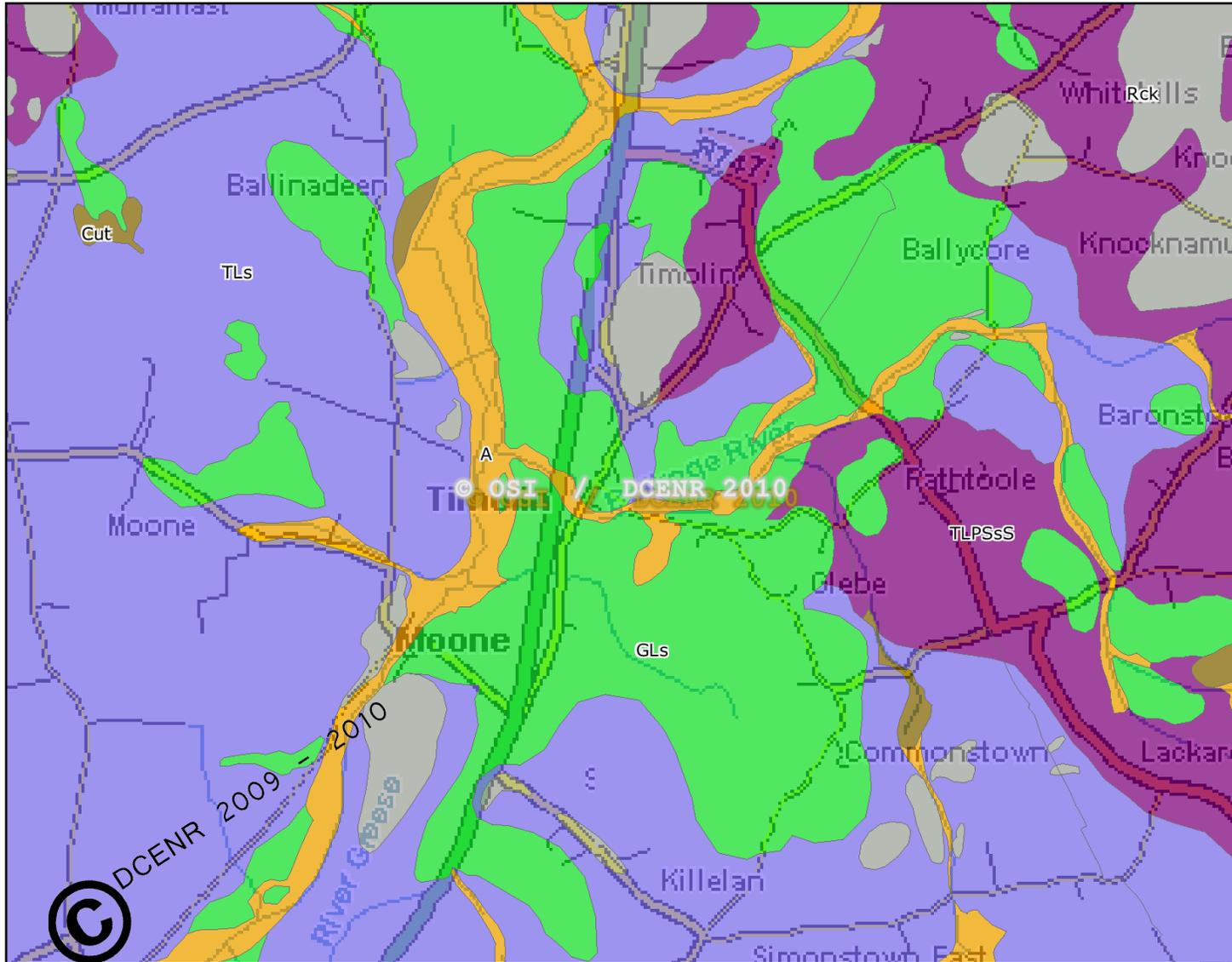
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# Timolin Subsoils



- ### Legend
- RBD Subsoils**
- Alluvium
  - Beach sands and gravels
  - Bedrock outcrop and subcrop
  - Esker sands and gravels
  - Glaciofluvial sands and gravels
  - Lake sediments
  - Made ground
  - Marine/estuarine silts and clays
  - Marsh
  - Peat
  - Scree
  - Till derived chiefly from Devonian sandstones
  - Till derived chiefly from Lower Palaeozoic rocks
  - Till derived chiefly from Namurian rocks
  - Till derived chiefly from granite
  - Till derived chiefly from limestone
  - Till derived chiefly from metamorphic rocks
  - Till derived from metamorphic rocks
  - Till derived from mixed Devonian and Carboniferous rocks
  - Water
  - Windblown sands
  - Watermark

0 900 1800 2700 m.

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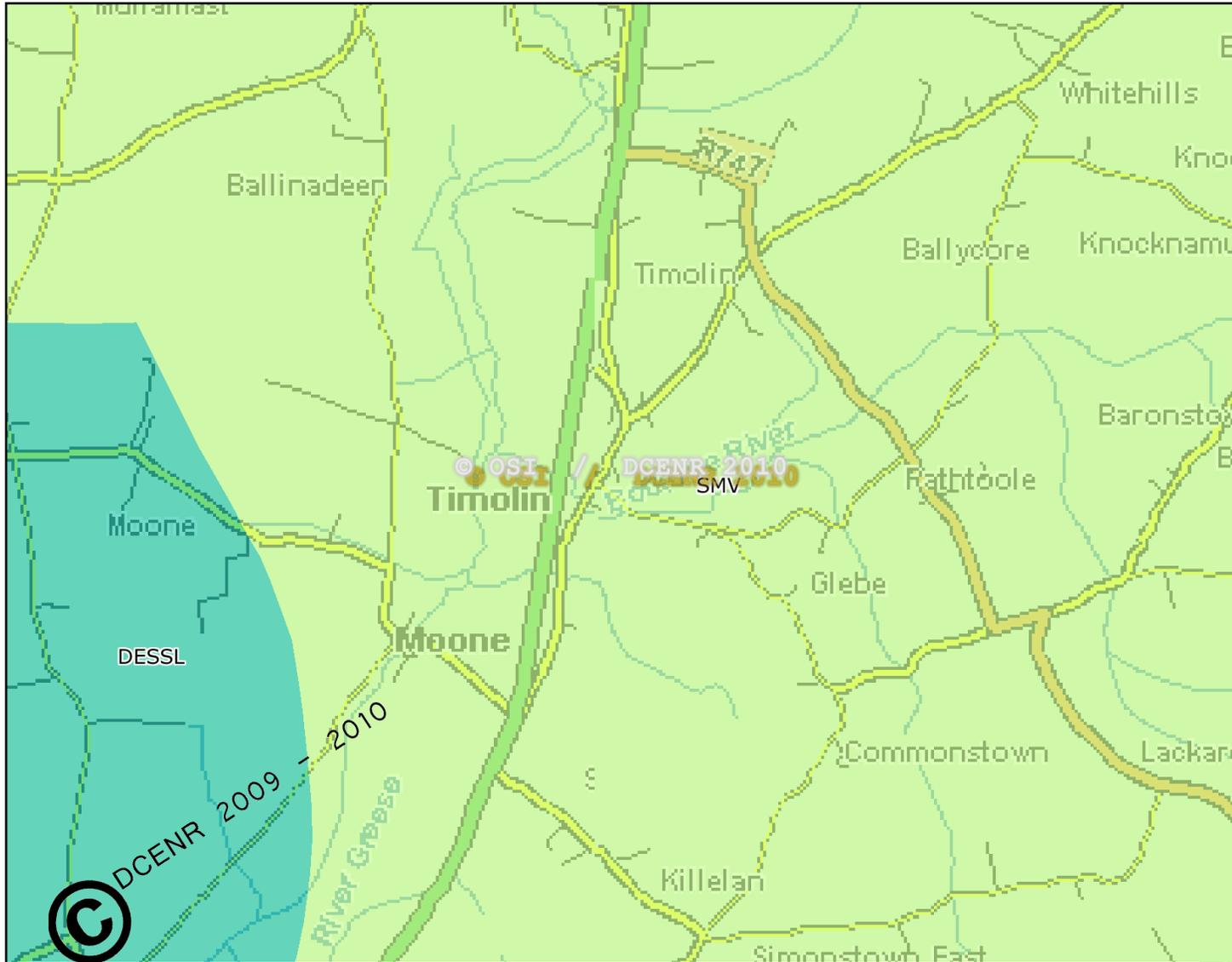
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# Timolin Bedrock



### Legend

National Draft Generalised Bedrock Map

- BV - Basalts and other Volcanic rocks
- CM - Cambrian Metasediments
- DDL - Dinantian Dolomitised Limestones
- DESSL - Dinantian early Sandstones, Shales and Limestones
- DKS - Devonian Kiltoran type Sandstones
- DLIL - Dinantian Lower Impure Limestones
- DMSC - Dinantian Mudstones and Sandstones Cork Group
- MSSL - Dinantian Mixed Sandstones, Shales and Limestones
- DORS - Devonian Old Red Sandstones
- DPBL - Dinantian Pure Bedded Limestones
- DPUL - Dinantian Pure Unbedded Limestones
- DS - Dinantian Sandstones
- DSL - Dinantian Shales and Limestones
- DUUL - Dinantian Upper Impure Limestones
- GI - Granites and other Igneous Intrusive rocks
- NSA - Namurian Sandstones
- NSH - Namurian Shales
- NU - Namurian Undifferentiated
- OM - Ordovician Metasediments
- OV - Ordovician Volcanics
- PM - Precambrian Marbles
- PQGS - Precambrian Quartzites, Gneisses and Schists
- PTMG - Permo Triassic Mudstones and Gypsum
- PTS - Permo Triassic Sandstones
- SMV - Silurian Metasediments and Volcanics
- WSA - Westphalian Sandstones
- WSH - Westphalian Shales

Watermark

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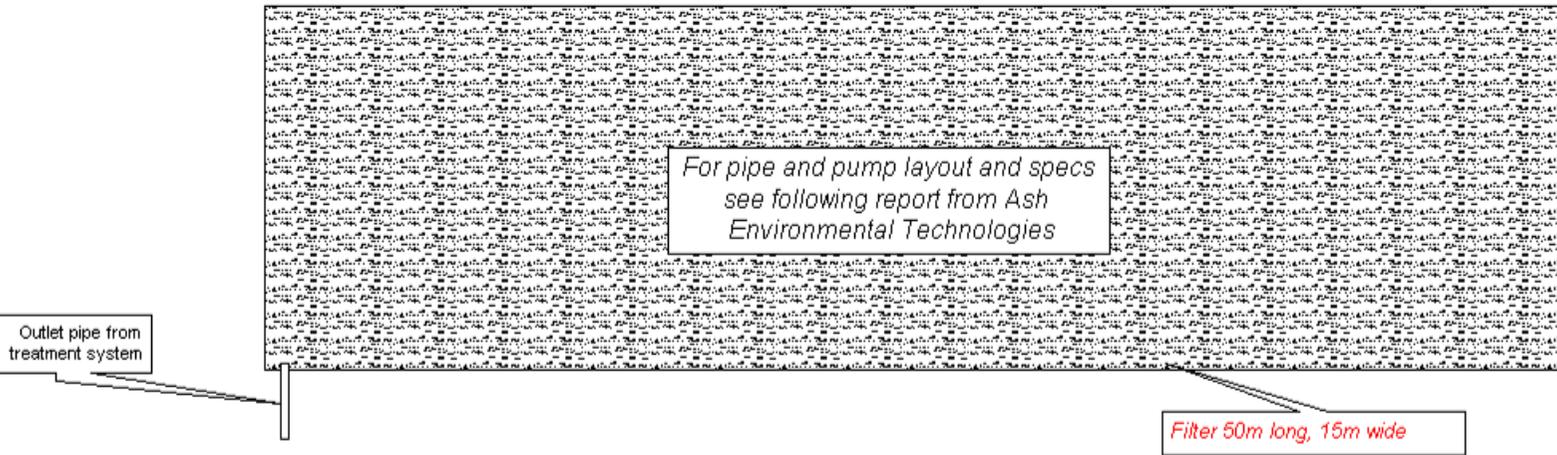


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**Plan view of polishing filter at Timolin for Kildare County Council**



**Cross sectional view of polishing filter (Not to scale)**

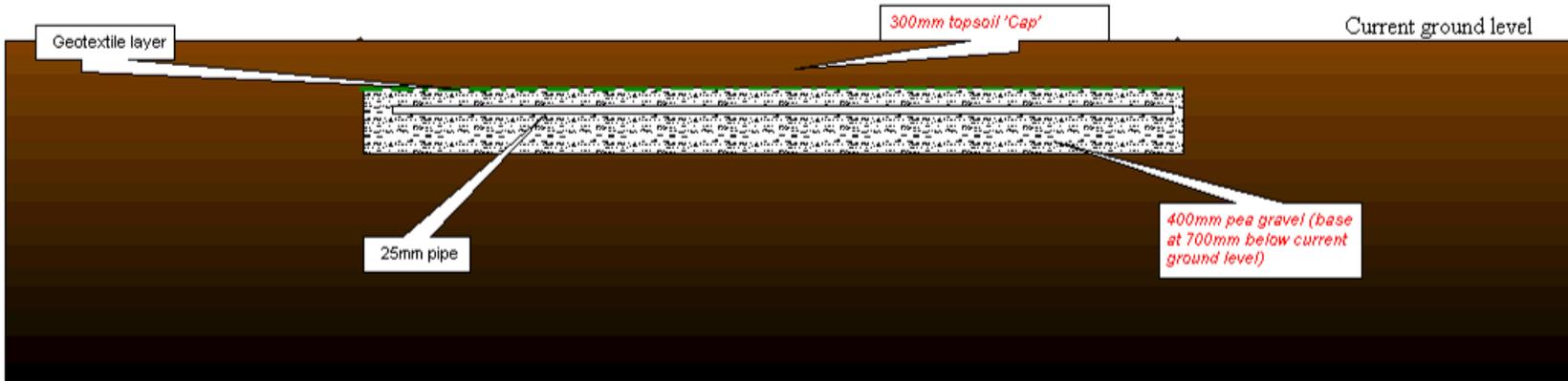


Figure 5: Plan and profile views of polishing filter at Timolin for Kildare County Council.

## Proposed Design Details



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Project:	Kildare Co Council Housing
Address:	Timolin, Co Kildare
Ref:	15 1212
Contact:	Robert Meehan
Tel:	087 697 5558
Date:	11 August 2015

**Important.** No account is taken of site elevation, contours or pump details unless requested. The information provided here is to assist the system designer and is based on the US EPA Design Manual 2002. Detailed site specific designs are required by the Irish EPA Code of Practice 2009 in section 10.1.1 option 2- - Pumped Discharge. Please see our installation guidelines before installation.

### Pressure Pipe Network for Sand/Soil Polishing Filter - Single Sided Manifold Layout

Dimensions of area  
Design flow PE 10.7  
Infiltration rate (Litres/M2)  
Approx no of doses (per design flow and pipe volume)

Pump run time per dose  
Manifold pipe diameter  
Length of manifold sections -pre-cut 5 x  
Lateral pipe diameter  
Separation distance between laterals  
No of Lateral pipe lengths  
Length of Laterals  
Total length of lateral pipes with pre-drilled holes  
Pump minimum operating capacity  
Minimum pipe network dose volume  
Indexing valve feeder pipes estimated dose volume  
Minimum pump tank operating volume  
Length of rising main from pump tank to pressure system inlet manifold  
Diameter of rising main  
Static head on site (elevation)

Details for each of 6 zones			
Area	L	W	
125.0	8.33	15	sq metres (metres)

2500.05 litres/day/zone  
20.0 check rate matches site assessment  
12.8 no.

1.25 mins

40 mm

1.40 m

25 mm

1.4 m

6 no.

14 m

84 m

144 litres/min check pump selection is suitable

196 litres check pump tank is suitable

40 litres

236 litres

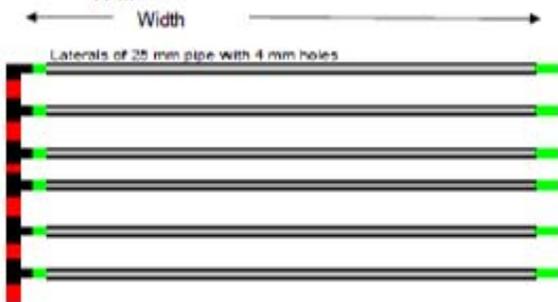
0 metres check length of rising main & pump capacity

0

0 metres

7.0 m  
Length

NOT TO SCALE  
14 m  
Width



- Notes: 1 Many secondary treatment systems do not pump sufficient quantity of water in each pumping event to fill the pipe network for long enough to get even distribution. Pumps supplied may be designed to discharge small volumes under minimal pressure from the tank. A suitable pump and pump tank should be selected to avoid future problems such as overloaded areas and leakage from filters.  
2 We can arrange INSTALLATION or oversight of the pipe network if required.  
3 We can also provide CERTIFICATION of the pressurisation of the system and certification of suitability of PUMP AND PUMP DOSING arrangements.

Please call Ash Environmental at 0404 66433 if you require further information or assistance.

## Distributing Valves (Indexing Valves)

Distributing or indexing valves are used to dose up to 6 outlet pipes with a single pump. They are ideal for wastewater pressure systems which require dosing of multiple sections or zones. This reduces the size of pump required thereby saving pump and energy costs. Valves are essential when pumping to a large pipe network or to pump to a number of pockets of area on a small site or landscaped commercial areas.

6000 SERIES  
DISTRIBUTING VALVE

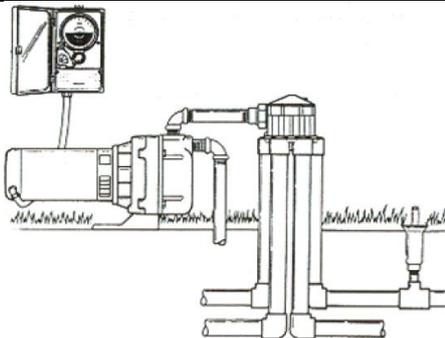


The 6000 Series line of distributing valves offers exceptional reliability and durability even under the dirtiest water conditions.

With a metal die-cast body, the 6000 series valves are capable of high pressure applications and are recommended to be used on pump fed systems. The 6000 series is ideal for onsite wastewater and effluent water applications.

The 6000 valve is available in 4 or 6 outlet models that are cammed for 2 to 6 zone operation. With only one moving part (the stem and disk assembly), the valve is easily serviced and maintained.

The valve requires 57 litres/min (15 GPM) to operate and works at pressures from 25 to 150 PSI (1.7 bar to 10 bar).



For direct pump - fed installations, the 6000 Series Distributing Valve is directly connected to the discharge side of the pump and is cycled from one zone to the next by turning the pump off and on. In wastewater systems this is usually done automatically by the pump float switch cutting in and out as the water level rises and falls.

Install the valve as close to the pump as possible and ensure suction line to the pump has a proper check valve installed and all joints are completely sealed.

The number of valve outlets can be easily adjusted by changing the valve cam.

The valve inlet is 1.5" threaded and the outlets are 1.5" plain. Metric adapters are used to connect to pipes. Unions are recommended on inlets and outlets to allow valve maintenance.

We supply fully assembled valves with fittings with secure access housing.

Valves are essential when pumping to a large pipe network or to pump to a number of pockets of area on a small site.



**MODELS**

**Four Outlet Models**

6402	Cammed for 2 Zone Operation
6403	Cammed for 3 Zone Operation
6404	Cammed for 4 Zone Operation

**Six Outlet Models**

6605	Cammed for 5 Zone Operation
6606	Cammed for 6 Zone Operation

**OTHER OPTIONS: ADD TO PART NUMBER**

RCW	Reclaimed Water Use
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**SPECIFICATIONS**

- Construction: Valve Top/Housing: Die Cast Metal  
Valve Outlets: High Strength ABS Polymer
- Flow Range: 15-150 GPM
- Pressure Rating: 25 - 150 PSI
- Pressure Loss:
 

4 Outlet Valve: Flow (GPM)	20	40	60	80	100
PSI Loss	2.5	3.5	5.0	7.5	10.0
6 Outlet Valve: Flow (GPM)	20	40	60	80	100
PSI Loss	3.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	11.0
- Inlet: Threaded 1-1/2" NPT Connection
- Outlets: Slip and Glue Connections to 1-1/2" PVC Pipe
- Dimensions: HEIGHT: 7", WIDTH: 8"

**6000 INDEXING VALVE**

The 6000 line of indexing valves offers exceptional reliability and durability even under the dirtiest water conditions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RCW PRODUCTS, PLEASE SEE PAGES 36 AND 37.



**FEATURES/BENEFITS**

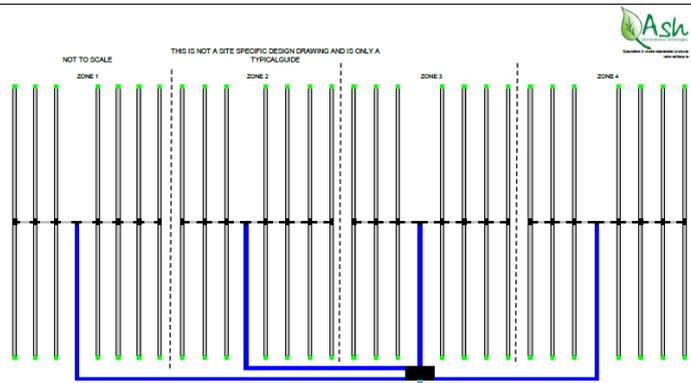
- Metal Die-Cast Body—Durable, long lasting, and capable of high pressure applications.
- Available in 4 and 6 Outlet Models—Can quickly and easily change from two to six watering zones.
- Simplicity of Design—Valves are easily maintained and serviced for long product life.
- Operates at 15 GPM at Pressures of 25–150 PSI- Ideal for pump-fed systems or high-flow city water systems.
- Built-in Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker—Releases any vacuum created between the pump and the valve on shut down.
- Two Year Limited Warranty.

**K-RAIN MODEL 6000: INDEXING VALVE**

With a metal die-cast body, the 6000 valves are capable of high pressure applications and are recommended to be used on pump fed systems or high-flow city water systems. The 6000 is also ideal for onsite wastewater and effluent water applications.

The 6000 valve is available in 4 or 6 outlet models that are cammed for 2 to 6 zone operation. With only one moving part (the stem and disc assembly), the valve is easily serviced and maintained.

The valve requires 15 GPM to operate and works at pressures from 25 to 150 PSI.



Example of a 4 zone pipe network using a 4 outlet indexing valve