

SITE CHARACTERISATION REPORT

Ref: Henry O'Kelly

Beechlawn

Killakee

Rathfarnham

Dublin 16

DATE: 27 April 2022

Site Assessment Summary:

• Groundwater: Not Encountered at 2.1m

• Bedrock: Not Encountered at 2.1m

• Subsurface Value: 8

• Surface Value: N/A

• Well: >40m Upgradient

Based on the findings of the site assessment the following is recommended:

Recommended:

- 1. Install a 6PE Tricel (En & SR66 certified) sewage treatment plant
- 2. Install 4 X 10m long subsurface percolation trenches
- 3. Install a distribution box
- 4. Install vent pipes at the end of the trenches

Report & Recommendations prepared by: Waste Water Maintenance Ltd.

Site Pictures

Family Home, Site Views, Test location view & family business - Timber Trove / Sawmills

















SITE CHARACTERISATION FORM

COMPLETING THE FORM

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in calculations

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- **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 A: SITE CHARACTERISATION FORM

File Reference:
1.0 GENERAL DETAILS (From planning application)
Prefix: Mr First Name: Henry Surname: O'Kelly
Address: Site Location and Townland:
Beechlawn, Killakee, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 Same - proposed new on-site sewage system
Number of Bedrooms: 3 Maximum Number of Residents: 5
Comments on population equivalent
Proposed Water Supply:
Mains Private Well/Borehole Existing well on-site Group Well/Borehole
2.0 GENERAL DETAILS (From planning application)
Soil Type, (Specify Type): Brown Podzolics / Acid Brown Earths
Granite & metamorphic till
Subsoil, (Specify Type):
Bedrock Type: Granites & other Igneous Intrusive Rocks / Ordovician Metasediments
Aquifer Category: Regionally Important Locally Important LI Poor
Vulnerability: Extreme ✓ High Moderate Low
Groundwater Body: Kilcullen Status
Name of Public/Group Scheme Water Supply within 1 km: Source Protection Area: ZOC SI SO Groundwater Protection Response:
Presence of Significant Sites
(Archaeological, Natural & Historical): Massy's Estate Woods to the West & South
Past experience in the area: Areas of good soakage in often very sandy (granite) gravelly subsoils
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).
Ground water / aquifer are targets

Note: Only information available at the desk study stage should be used in this section.

3.0 ON-SITE ASSESSMENT

3.1 Visual Assessme	nt		
Landscape Position:	Hilly		
Slope:	Steep (>1:5)	Shallow (1:5-1:20) ✓	Relatively Flat (<1:20)
Slope Comment		Gradual slope W to E	
Surface Features within	n a minimum of 250m	n (Distance To Features Should Be Note	ed In Metres)
Houses:			
Timber Trove (O'Kellys S House to the SW >100m Family Home SE >80m (Houses N>200m			
Existing Land Use:			
Existing family home & g	ardens with agricultural	fields to the East	
Vegetation Indicators:			
No soakage indicators no	oted		
Groundwater Flow Dire	ection: West to East	l	
Ground Condition:			
Firm underfoot on test da	lys - dry sunny weather	on both days	
Site Boundaries:			
Hedging on the E & N sid	des with wire fencing an	nd open fields.	

3.0 ON-SITE ASSESSMENT

3.1 Visual Assessment (contd.) Roads: Killakee Road passes the driveway entrance to the house Outcrops (Bedrock And/Or Subsoil): None Surface Water Ponding: None on test days Lakes: None within 250m Beaches/Shellfish Areas: None within 250m Wetlands: None within 250m Karst Features: None Watercourses/Streams:* >100m to the south

^{*}Note and record water level

3.0 ON-SITE ASSESSMENT

3.1 Visual Assessment (contd.)
Drainage Ditches:*
None
Springs:*
No springs noted
Wells:*
Well serving the family home upgradient >40m to the NW
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 wastewat and the location of the proposed system within the site). The family home is served by a very old septic tank located in the rear SW corner of the garden and drains into a soak-pit. The system is over 40 years old and there are no recorded issues and no visible signs of any soakage issues. However it is proposed to install a modern waste water system directly behind the house >10m from the wall of the house.

^{*}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 h	nole (m): 2.1					
Depth from gro to bedrock (m)			oth from grou vater table (m			
Depth of water	r ingress:	Rock typ	e (if present): No	o rock or groundwater	encountered at	2.1m
Date and time	of excavation: 2	2-Apr-2022	Date a	nd time of examina	tion: 27-Apr-2	09:30
Depth of Surface and						
Subsurface	Soil/Subsoil					
Percolation	Texture &	Plasticity and	Soil	Density/	Colour****	Preferential
Tests	Classification**	dilatancy***	Structure	Compactness	Ooloui	flowpaths
0.1 m 0.2 m	slightly sandy slightly gravelly SILT/CLAY	Threads 5/3/3 Ribbons 85/60mm	Crumb	Firm	Brown	Rootlets
0.3 m	0-0.2m	Dilates				
0.4 m						
0.5 m	wan aandu aravallu	Threads 4/3/1	Blocky	Firm / Soft	Brown	Random
0.6 m	very sandy gravelly SILT with occasional	Ribbons 50/30mm	Бюску	Fillit/ Soit	Biowii	Harldoni
0.7 m	cobbles 0.2-1.3m	Dilates				
0.8 m	0.2-1.5111				1	
0.9 m			N.			H-
1.1 m			=			
1.2 m			l V			
1.3 m						
1.4 m			1			
1.5 m	sandy gravelly	Threads 5/3/2	Blocky	Firm / Soft	Brown	Random
1.6 m	SILT/CLAY with occasional cobbles &	Ribbons 70/60mm Dilates				
1.7 m	boulders					
1.8 m	1.3-2.1m					
1.9 m						
2.0 m						
2.2 m	END OF PIT AT 2.1M					
2.3 m	END OF FIT AT 2.1W					
2.4 m						
2.5 m						
2.6 m						
2.7 m						
2.8 m						
2.9 m					1	
3.0 m 3.1 m					1	
3.1 m						
3.3 m						
3.4 m						
3.5 m						
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Note: *Depth of percolation test holes should be indicated on log above. ('Enter Surface or Subsurface 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.

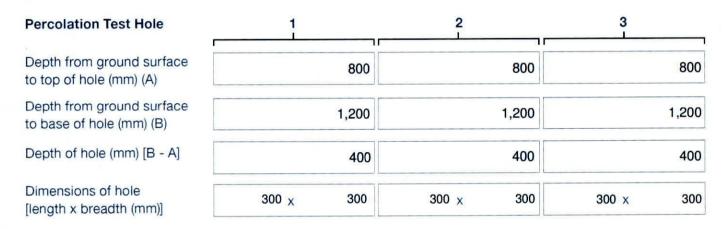
^{****} All signs of mottling should be recorded.

3.2 Trial Hole (contd.) Evaluation:

No seepage or mottling noted in the pit walls.
Groundwater is not a target

3.3(a) Subsurface Percolation Test for Subsoil

Step 1: Test Hole Preparation



Step 2: Pre-Soaking Test Holes

Pre-soak start	Date	26-Apr-2022	26-Apr-2022	26-Apr-2022
	Time	09:34	09:37	09:40
2nd pre-soak	Date	26-Apr-2022	26-Apr-2022	26-Apr-2022
start	Time	15:12	15:14	15:15

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

Step 3: Measuring T₁₀₀

Percolation Test Hole No.	1	2	3
Date of test	27-04-2022	27-04-2022	27-04-2022
Time filled to 400 mm	09:33	09:34	09:34
Time water level at 300 mm	10:02	10:02	09:51
Time (min.) to drop 100 mm (T ₁₀₀)	29.00	28.00	17.00
Average T ₁₀₀			24.67

If $T_{100} > 480$ minutes then Subsurface Percolation value >120 – site unsuitable for discharge to ground

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

If T₁₀₀ > 210 minutes then go to Step 5;

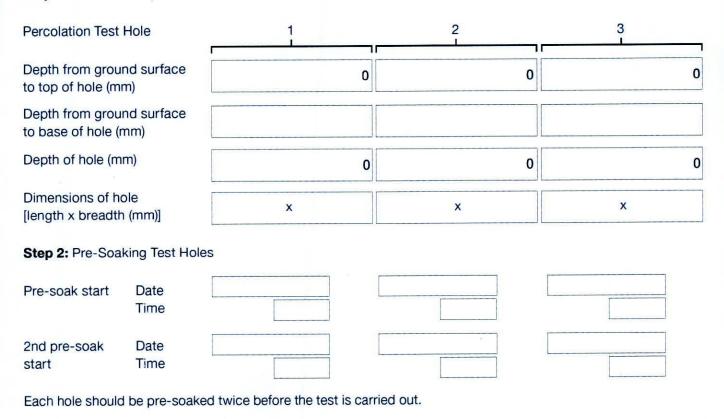
Step 4: Standard Method (where $T_{100} \le 210$ minutes)

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	10:02	10:34	32.00	10:02	10:32	30.00	09:51	10:11	20.00
2	10:34	11:07	33.00	10:32	11:09	37.00	10:11	10:35	24.00
3	11:04	11:40	36.00	11:09	11:53	44.00	10:35	11:02	27.00
Average ∆t Value			33.67			37.00			23.67
	Average ∆t	/4 =		Average ∆t	/4 =		Average Δt	:/4 =	
	[Hole No.1]		8.42 (t ₁)	100		9.25 (t ₂)	[Hole No.3		5.92 (t ₃)
Result of Tes	st: Subsurfa	ice Percola	tion Value =		7	7.86 (min/25	5 mm)		
Comments:									

				100	10 min	(4100)							
Percolation Test Hole No.		1					Percolation Test Hole No.		2				
Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor = T,	Start Time hh:mm	Finish Time hh:mm	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K _{fs} = T _f / T _m	T – Value = 4.45 / K _{ts}	Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor = T,	Start Time hh:mm	Finish Time hh:mm	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K _{fs} = T _f / T _m	T – Value = 4.45 / K _{fs}
300 - 250	8.1			0.00			300 - 250 250 - 200	8.1 9.7			0.00		
250 - 200 200 - 150	9.7			0.00			200 - 150	11.9			0.00		
150 - 100	14.1			0.00				14.1			0.00		
Average	T- Valu	е	T- Valu	e Hole 1	= (T ₁)	0.00	150 - 100 Average	T- Value	e	T- Value	e Hole 2	= (T ₂)	0.00
Average Percolation Test Hole No.	T- Valu	e 3	T- Value	e Hole 1	= (T ₁)	0.00		T- Value	surface	Percol		alue =	0.00
Percolation			T- Value	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	= (T ₁) K _{fs} = T _t / T _m	T – Value = 4.45	Average	T- Value	surface	Percol	ation Va	alue =	0.00
Percolation Test Hole No. Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor = T,	Start Time	Finish Tim§e	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K _{ts} = T,	T - Value	Average Result of Te	T- Value	surface	Percol	ation Va	alue =	0.00
Percolation Test Hole No. Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor	Start Time	Finish Tim§e	Time of fall (mins)	K _{ts} = T,	T – Value = 4.45	Average Result of Te	T- Value	surface	Percol	ation Va	alue =	0.00
Percolation Test Hole No. Fall of water	Time Factor = T,	Start Time	Finish Tim§e	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K _{ts} = T,	T – Value = 4.45	Average Result of Te	T- Value	surface	Percol	ation Va	alue =	0.00

3.3(b) Surface Percolation Test for Soil

Step 1: Test Hole Preparation



Step 3: Measuring T ₁₀₀			
	1	2	3
Percolation Test Hole No.	1		
Date of test			
Time filled to 400 mm			
Time water level at 300 mm			
Time to drop 100 mm (T ₁₀₀)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Average T ₁₀₀			0.00

If T $_{100}$ > 480 minutes then Surface Percolation 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 $T_{100} \le 210$ minutes)

Percolation Test Hole			1				2				3		
Fill no.	Start Time (at 30 mm)	0 (Finish Fime at 200 mm)	ΔT (r	min)	Start Time (at 300 mm)	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	ΔT (min)	Sta Tim (at 3 mm)	ne 100	Finish Time (at 200 mm)	ΔΤ	(min)
1	27				0.00			0.00					0.00
2					0.00			0.00					0.00
3					0.00			0.00					0.00
Average ∆T Value					0.00			0.00		'			0.00
Result of Te	[Hole				0 (T ₁)	Average / [Hole No.	2]	0.00 (T ₂) [Hole	age ∆T e No.3]		0.0	00 (T ₃)
Step 5: Mo Percolation Test Hole No.	umeu n	1	(where	1100 / 2	. 10 11111	nutes)	Percolation Test Hole No.		2				
Fall of water in hole (mm)	Time Factor = T,	Start Time hh:mm	Finish Time hh:mm	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K _{fs} = T _r / T _m	T – Value = 4.45 / K _{fs}	Fall of wate in hole (mm	r Time	Start Time hh:mm	Finish Time hh:mm	Time of fall (mins) = T _m	K _{fs} = T _f / T _m	T - Value = 4.4 / K _{fs}
300 - 250	8.1			0.00			300 - 250	8.1			0.00		
250 - 200	9.7			0.00			250 - 200	9.7			0.00		
200 - 150	11.9			0.00			200 - 150	11.9			0.00		
150 - 100	14.1			0.00			150 - 100	14.1			0.00		
Average	T- Value	Э	T- Value	e Hole 1	= (T ₁)	0.00	Average	T- Valu			ue Hole 2		0.00
Percolation							Result o	of Test: S	Cov. 42 Min Art A				
Test Hole No.		3							9	0.00	(min/25	mm)	
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300 - 250	8.1			0.00									
250 - 200	9.7			0.00									
200 - 150	11.9			0.00									
150 - 100	14.1			0.00									
Average	T- Value	е	T- Valu	e Hole 3	= (T ₂)	0.00							

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.
- Supporting maps for vulnerability, aquifer classification, soil, subsoil, bedrock.
- 3. North point should always be included.
- Scaled 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.
- Site specific cross sectional drawing of the site and the proposed layout¹ should be submitted.
- 6. Photographs of the trial hole, test holes and site including landmarks (date and time referenced).
- 7. Pumped design must be designed by a suitably qualified person.

¹ 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. Slope of proposed infiltration / treatment area: 1:200 Are all minimum separation distances met? Depth of unsaturated soil and/or subsoil beneath invert of gravel (or drip tubing in the case of drip dispersal system) Sub-surface: 8.00 Percolation test result: Surface: Suitable for Development Not Suitable for Development Discharge Route 1 Identify all suitable options Septic tank system (septic tank and Proposed to install a sewage treatment plant and No percolation area) (Chapter 7) subsurface trench soil polishing filter with a final discharge to ground water. Secondary Treatment System 2. Yes (Chapters 8 and 9) and soil polishing filter (Section 10.1) Tertiary Treatment System and Infiltration / Yes treatment area (Section 10.2) **5.0 SELECTED DWWTS** Propose to install: Secondary Treatment System and soil polishing filter and discharge to: Ground Water Invert level of the trench/bed gravel or drip tubing (m) 0.70 Site Specific Conditions (e.g. special works, site improvement works testing etc. Based on the site assessment the site is considered suitable for an on-site sewage system. It is proposed to install a new sewage treatment plant in conjunction with a constructed subsurface trench soil polishing filter to replace the existing very old single chamber septic tank and soak-pit. Subject to approval by the County Council. The system must be installed in accordance with the EPA CoP 2021. Only foul and grey water to discharge to the sewage system. Storm water must not be allowed into the sewage system. The existing septic tank serving the existing house must be desludged and decommissioned appropriately. The tank must be desludged and washed down before dosing with lime, breaking the floor of the tank and filling in the tank with soil.

¹ 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 2.4.

6.0 TREATMENT SYSTEM DETAILS

Tank Capacity (m³)		Percolation Area		Mounded Percolation Area
		No. of Trenches		No. of Trenches
		Length of Trenches (m)		_ength of Trenches (m)
		Invert Level (m)		nvert Level (m)
SYSTEM TYPE: Seco	ndary Treatr	ment System (Chapter	s 8 and 9) and po	olishing filter (Section 10.1)
Secondary Treatmen (Chapter 8)	t Systems re	eceiving septic tank ef	fluent	Packaged Secondary Treatment Systems receiving raw wastewater (Chapter 9)
Media Type	Area (m²)*	Depth of Filter	Invert Level	Туре
Sand/Soil				Tricel Treatment Plant
Soil				Capacity PE 6
Constructed Wetland				Sizing of Primary Compartme
Other				m³
Polishing Filter*: (Se Surface Area (m²)*	ection 10.1)		100,000 and 100 and 10	avity Discharge 40.00
Option 1 - Direct Discl Surface area (m²)	narge		Trench length Option 4 - Lo	
Option 2 - Pumped Di	scharge		Pipe Distribut Trench length	
Surface area (m²)			Option 5 - Dr Surface area	ip Dispersal
SYSTEM TYPE: Tertia	ary Treatmer	nt System and infiltrati	ion / treatment a	area (Section 10.2)
Identify purpose of ter treatment	tiary	Provide performance demonstrating system required treatment	em will provide	Provide design information
		Tricel STP En & SR6 BOD 95.9 SS 95.3 NH4-N 74.9	6 Certified	Sewage Treatment Plant and a subsurface trench soil polishing filter with final discharge to ground water
DISCHARGE ROUTE:				
Groundwater <	Hydraulic	Loading Rate * (I/m².d)	750.00	Surface area (m²)
		e Rate (m³/hr)		

^{*} Hydraulic loading rate is determined by the percolation rate of subsoil

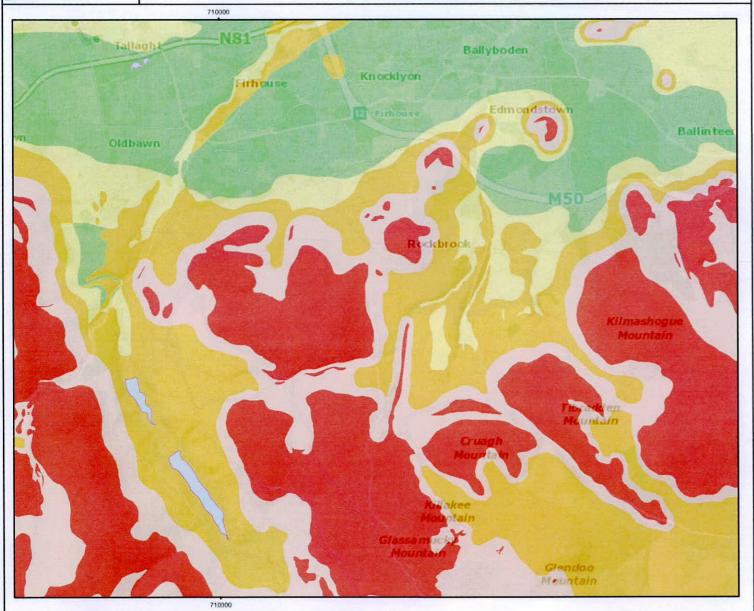
^{**} Water Pollution Act discharge licence required

6.0 TREATMENT SYSTEM DETAILS

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Vulnerability Extreme



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Legend

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Rock at or near Surface or Karst

Extreme

High

Moderate

Low



Aquifer Locally Important



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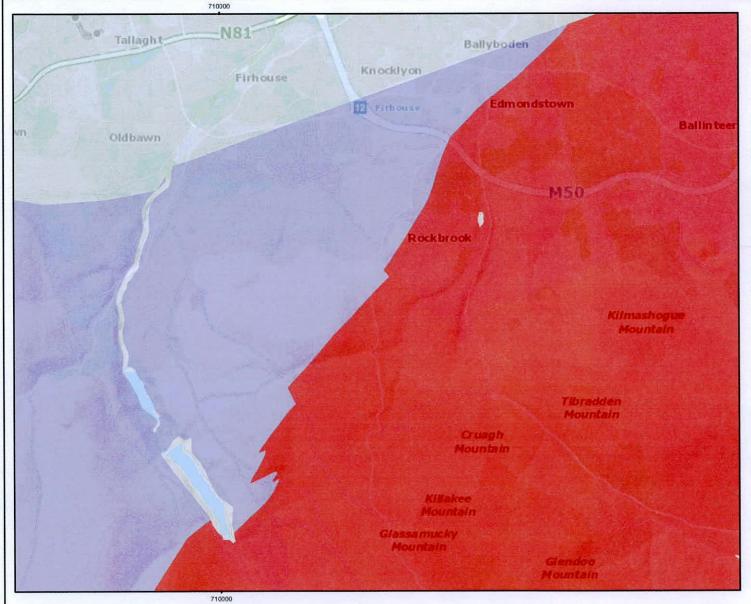
- Bedrock Aquifer Faults

Bedrock Aquifer

- LI Locally Important Aquifer Bedrock which is Moderately Productive only in Local
- PI Poor Aquifer Bedrock which is Generally Unproductive except for Local



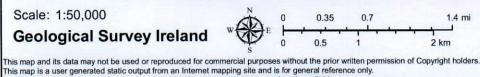
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Legend

Groundwater Rock Units

- Dinantian Upper Impure Limestones
- Granites & other Igneous Intrusive rocks
- Ordovician Metasediments