



Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Municipal Services

Cleansing Section



Report on the Identification of New Bathing Waters

February 2018

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Beach Bye-Laws & Bathing Water Regulations

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Beach Bye-Laws 2012 were adopted by Council Members and came into effect on January 1st 2013. Schedule 2 of these bye-laws lists the bathing areas in the county. These are:

- Seapoint Bathing Area
- Killiney Beach
- Blackrock Beache
- Sandycove Beach
- Forty Foot Bathing Area
- White Rock Beach
- Corbawn Lane Beach

In accordance with the Bathing Water Regulations 2008, it is also required to identify bathing waters for the purposes of monitoring of bathing water quality at bathing areas where a large number of bathers are expected during the season.

Currently, there are two locations in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown identified under the bathing water regulations. These are:

- Seapoint Bathing Area
- Killiney Beach

With the exception of the Forty Foot, Bathing Area, bathing water quality testing and reporting has also been carried out at all of the bathing areas listed under the bye-laws in recent years. Information on bathing water quality is reported on the dlr website, on the Beaches.ie website and on notice boards at each bathing area.

In July and August 2017, members of the public were invited to participate in the identification of bathing waters in the county in accordance with Section 4(4) of the Regulations. A notice was posted on the dlr website and an online form was made available for submissions from the public.

Submissions Received

Seventy four submissions were received in total. The locations suggested in these submissions are listed below:

- Seapoint Bathing Area
- Killiney Beach
- Blackrock Beach
- Sandycove Beach
- Forty Foot Bathing Area
- White Rock Beach

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- Bullock Harbour
- Hawk's Cliff Bathing Area
- The Old Baths at Dún Laoghaire

Review & Outcome

Following a review of the submissions and an investigation into the historical reasons for the non-identification of some bathing locations for water quality purposes, the outcome is as follows:

- Seapont Beach and Killiney Beach are to remain as identified bathing waters for the purposes of water quality monitoring.
- Sandycove Beach, White Rock Beach and the Forty Foot Bathing Area are to be identified as new bathing waters.



Fig. 1: Sandycove Beach

Water Quality monitoring at Sandycove Beach is already carried out and reported on. In addition, a lifeguard service is provided during the bathing season.

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Fig. 2: White Rock Beach, Killiney

Water Quality monitoring at White Rock Beach is already carried out and reported on. A lifeguard service is not provided at this location.

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Fig. 3: Forty Foot Bathing Area

Water quality monitoring is not currently carried out at the Forty Foot. It is intended to commence water quality monitoring at this location with a view to establishing a bathing water profile in accordance with the Bathing Water Regulations 2008. For safety reasons, it is not intended to provide a lifeguard service at this swimming location.

The proposals to identify Hawk's Cliff and Bullock Harbour as Bathing Areas for the purposes of Water Quality Monitoring were not accepted for safety reasons.