

Boil Water Notice for a Suspected Microbiological Incident

Important Information Notice

LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Boil Water Notice

Date 17/09/2010

It has come to the attention of Longford County Council that the public water supply served by the **Newtowncashel Water Scheme** may be contaminated. On the advice of the Health Service Executive and as a **precautionary measure** pending further investigation, a boil water notice is being issued. Accordingly, in the interest of public health, it is recommended that all users on the **Newtowncashel Public Water Supply Scheme** boil water before use.

- Water must be boiled for:
 - Drinking
 - Drinks made with water
 - Preparation of salads and similar foods, which are not cooked prior to eating
 - Brushing of teeth
 - Making of ice
- Water can be used for personal hygiene, bathing and flushing of toilets but not for brushing teeth or gargling.
- Boil water by bringing to a vigorous, rolling boil and allow to cool. Cover and store in a refrigerator or cold place. Water from the hot tap is not safe to drink. Domestic water filters will not render water safe to drink.
- Caution should be taken when bathing children to ensure that they do not swallow the bathing water.
- Discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges. Make ice from cooled boiled water.
- Use water prepared for drinking when preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing salads).
- Prepare infant feeds with water that has been brought to the boil once and cooled. Do not use water that has been reboiled several times. Do not use bottled water unless the concentration of minerals is suitable for

infants. If bottled water is used for the preparation of infant feeds it should be boiled once and cooled.

- Anyone suffering from diarrhoea (ie 3 or more loose bowel motions in a 24 hour period) for more than two days should contact their general practitioner and provide a stool sample for testing. They should continue to drink plenty of boiled or bottled water.

Great care should be taken with boiled water to avoid burns and scalds as accidents can easily happen, especially with children.

How long before the boil water notice can be lifted?

We do not know at present, but Longford County Council will continue to liaise with the Health Service Executive with a view to lifting the Boil Water Notice as soon as practicable.

How will we keep you informed?

Local radio
Leaflet drops

Remember to boil water as advised until further notice.

Areas Affected

List areas here

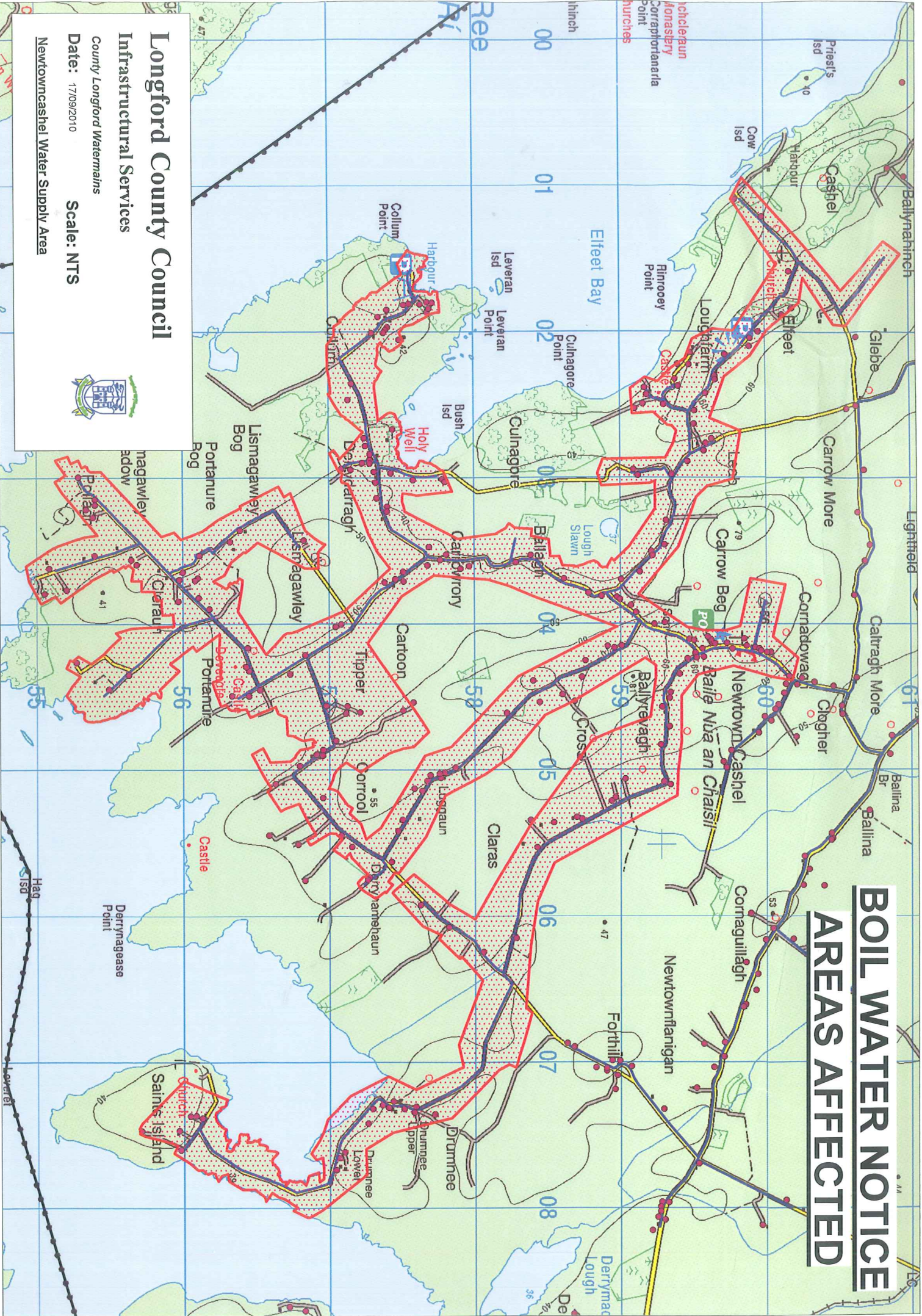
Cashel, Elfeet, Loughfarm, Leab, Carrowbeg, Ballagh, Carrodger, Derrydarragh, Collum, Culnagore, Tipper, Corroole, Claras, Lismagawley, Portanure, Drumnee, Saints Island, Loughann, Ballyreevagh, Cross, Cornadough, Newtowncashel Village.

This notice does not apply to other areas and water schemes in Co. Longford



**Director of Services,
Longford County Council.**

BOIL WATER NOTICE AREAS AFFECTED



Longford County Council

Infrastructural Services

County Longford Watermains

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Scale: NTS
Newtowncashel Water Supply Area

