

20th June 2025

Dear Pembroke Councillors

Yet again- another Beach Ban!

Everybody knows the problem – *repeated discharge of raw sewage onto Sandymount Beach by Uisce Eireann.*

Everybody knows the solution - *upgrade the pumping station at St Albans.*

But nobody is prepared to do anything about it!

The outrage expressed by the Sandymount community at another bathing ban has motivated SAMRA to again write to you and express its deep disappointment that nobody appears to have any interest in using their position and office to address this very preventable public health hazard.

SAMRA has been in contact with all of the agencies associated with the deliberate and regular deposits of raw sewage and sanitary produces on to Sandymount Beach for years.

We also wrote to you on 11th November 2024 outlining the issue in detail.

You'll see on our website (<https://www.samra.ie/beachban>) a video which shows an example of the discharge which occurs up to 10 time per year.

Nobody or agency is prepared to do anything about it. They'll just talk about it and agree it's terrible.

All beach users, residents and visitors, are paying the price for this neglect.

If this was a private company polluting a UNESCO biosphere like this, it would be closed immediately.

I am sure you would be disgusted if young members of your family were playing with their buckets and spades on Sandymount Beach in an area where Uisce Eireann has dumped faeces and used condoms.

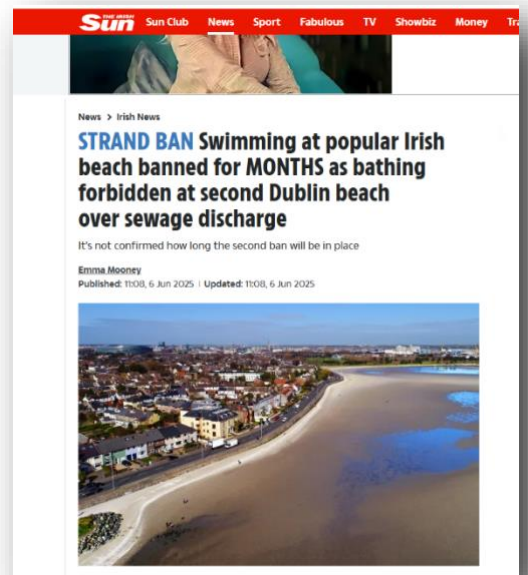
Our question to you is simple. As our public representative what can you do about this. Anything?

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience

Sincerely,

David Turner

Chairman, Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association



Here's an example of a discharge in April 2025.