2026 Public Participation: Identification of Bathing Waters

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF 'BATHING WATERS' UNDER THE BATHING WATERS DIRECTIVE 2006/7 EC OF 15TH FEBRUARY 2006 AND THE BATHING WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS SI 79 OF 2008.

Dublin City Council are inviting public participation in the identification of Bathing Waters under the Bathing Waters Directive and the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 (SI No 79 of 2008).

The Directive requires that water quality at all identified bathing waters meets stringent microbiological standards in order to protect the health of people who choose to bathe there. Local Authorities are required under the 2008 Regulations to identify bathing waters on an annual basis.

This consultation process provides the public with an opportunity to:

- Comment on existing identified bathing waters with a view to continuation of classification
- Comment on other bathing waters not currently identified but which may be considered for classification.

Comments are invited from interested parties.

If you are a regular swimmer and want to help your Council decide which bathing areas should be classified as such, it might be helpful to consider the following:

- How your swimming area has been used up to now;
- How many people use the site;
- What facilities exist at the site and how accessible it is;
- Any safety issues.

If you wish to propose your favourite beach/river etc as a new bathing water site, or comment on an existing site, please contact waterpollution@dublincity.ie or Water Pollution Control, Floor 3, 14 Lower Bridge Street, Ushers Quay, Dublin 8, D08 XHF1.

Closing date for submissions to Dublin City Council is 25/09/2026. For further information please visit https://www.beaches.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/EPA_Public_advice_on_the_identification_of_new_bathing_waters_2016-1.pdf

Bathing water quality information is available at www.beaches.ie. The latest EPA Bathing Water Report is available at www.epa.ie/publications.