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# Public Alert: Boil Water Notice

Irish Water and Cavan County Council

## ***Ballyhaise***

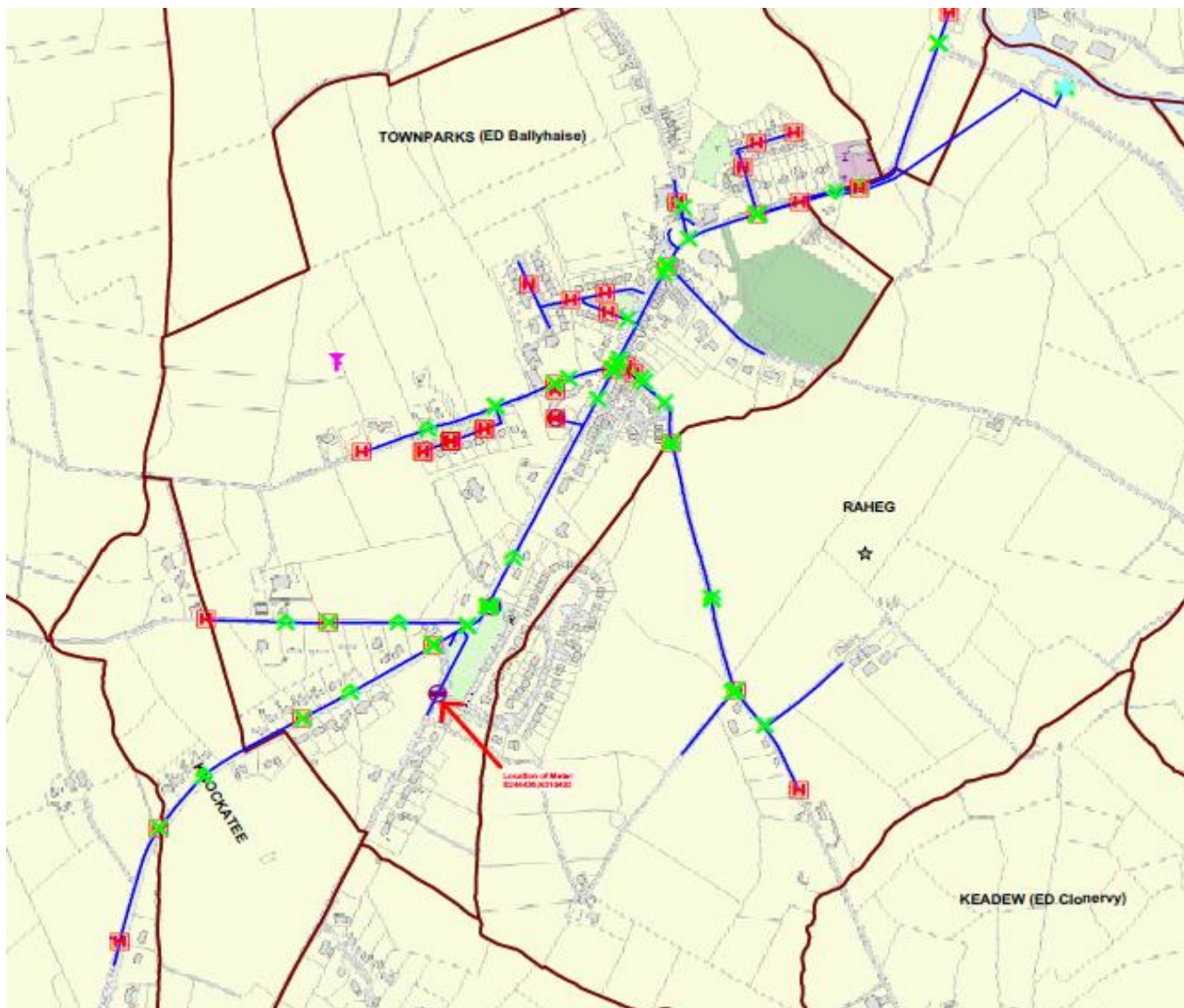
### **PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME**

**Date of Boil Water Notice: 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2016**

It has come to the attention of Irish Water and Cavan County Council that the water supply served by the **Ballyhaise Public Water Supply** is contaminated with elevated levels of coliform bacteria. Following advice from the Health Service Executive, Irish Water and Cavan County Council are issuing a Boil Water Notice to protect consumers.

This notice only applies to consumers on the **Ballyhaise Public Water Supply which is served by Annagh Group Water Scheme** who must **boil water before use**. A map of the scheme, detailing the area affected, is available on [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie) and [www.cavancoco.ie](http://www.cavancoco.ie) and shown overleaf.

**Areas: All persons served by the Ballyhaise Public Water Scheme and as indicated in the map.**



## 1: Water must be boiled for:

### You Must Boil Your Water 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

## 2: What can you use water for:

### You can use your Water for the following:

- ☐ 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.

## 3: Caution:

### Please ensure the following:

- ☐ 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.

## 4: Only use Prepared Water (boiled and cooled) for the following situations.

- ☐ Use water prepared for drinking when preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing salads).
- ☐ Prepare infant feeds with tap water that has been brought to the boil once and cooled. Do not use water that has been re-boiled several times. If bottled water is used for the preparation of infant feeds it should be boiled once and cooled. If you are using bottled water for preparing baby food, be aware that some natural mineral water may have high sodium content. The legal limit for sodium in drinking water is 200mg per litre. Check the label on the bottled water to make sure the sodium or 'Na' is not greater than 200mg per litre. If it is, then it is advisable to use a different type of bottled water. If no other water is available, then use this water for as short a time as possible. It is important to keep babies hydrated.

## 5: Advice:

### Note the following advice:

- Use boiled water for:
  - Drinking any drinks made with water, making ice,
  - Preparation of salads and similar foods, which are not cooked prior to eating
  - Brushing of teeth,
  - Wash your hands carefully after going to the toilet, changing nappies, and before preparing food.
  - Be careful when bathing small children to ensure that they do not swallow bath water.

**Who is most at risk?** Persons with impaired immune systems, young children and older people.

## 6: Take Care:

### **Always Take Care:**

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

## 7: How long before the boil water notice can be lifted?

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

## 8: How will we keep you informed?

You will be kept informed through the following media:

Website: [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie) ; [www.cavancoco.ie](http://www.cavancoco.ie)

Irish Water Customer Contact Centre: 1850 278 278

Local Media –Radio and Press

(IW registered vulnerable customers will be directly contacted)

## 9: Awareness for commercial premises

**Irish water request that this Boil Water Notice is placed in a prominent position within your commercial premises**

**Remember to boil water as advised until further notice**

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