STATEMENT

Saturday, August 5, 2017

‘Do Not Swim’ Notice lifted at Claremont Beach, Howth

A ‘Do Not Swim’ Notice issued on Wednesday by Fingal County Council for Claremont Beach, Howth, has been lifted after sample results showed that the water quality has returned to satisfactory levels.

A prohibition notice had been in place since Wednesday evening after results from a routine sample showed that Intestinal Enterococci levels had been exceeded and the Health Safety Executive had advised that swimming at the beach should be prohibited until levels returned to normal.

The exact cause of the contamination has not been determined but it is still believed that it is not related to wastewater infrastructure and may have been caused by animals, birds or diffuse surface runoff.

Members of the public intending to enter the water at any beach in Ireland are advised to always check the water quality in advance by accessing the EPA website at https://www.beaches.ie/# or checking the notice board at the entrance to each beach.

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