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Report To Arts, Culture And Recreation SPC

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Report on Dollymount Strand

The Bathing Season runs from 1st June to 15th September annually. To keep the beach up to 'Blue Flag' standard, Parks staff commence work at 6.00am each morning before the visitor numbers reach a level whereby it is unsafe to carry out mechanical litter collection.

This operation also removes the Ectocarpus algae that comes in on most tides. Ectocarpus is an indicator that the nutrient levels in the bay are high, allowing these algae to thrive. It has been noted that along with this material comes other sewage related items.

A small number of complaints were received from the public and conveyed through public representatives in relation to evidence of sewage on Dollymount beach during the summer of 2018 and this usually coincides with the water quality being unsafe for swimming at which time the 'no swimming' digital advisory notice plus red flag are displayed. These notices are managed by the Water Pollution Unit of Dublin City Council. There is usually coverage in the press at these times so the public are generally well informed of the situation.

The public use the beach and the island for a variety of uses from walking (with and without dogs) to nature observation and there has been no request from the public or public representatives over the summer to close the beach. In the current circumstances it is not considered necessary to close the beach or feasible to police any closure. The situation is of course continually monitored.

**Leslie Moore,
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