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Ecoli threat should be tackled by developer – Kennedy

DUBLIN NORTH Deputy Michael Kennedy has called on the developer of the Knocksedan Housing Estate to relay the water pipes at the company's own expense, in the wake of the E Coli outbreak there.

Deputy Kennedy said: "The outbreak in August and September of E Coli in one of Swords newest housing estates was a serious threat to public health and deeply scary for the estate's residents. Fingal County Council has directly linked it with deficiencies within the estate's water network which was laid by the Developer."

"It took almost a full month for the Fingal to identify the source of contamination and flush it out of the water system. Water in Knocksedan is now safe to drink. However, to insure that this does not happen again I am calling on the council to compel the developer to relay the original water pipes."

"Given that the council has recently granted planning permission to the developer for more housing units in Knocksedan, I believe that the water pipes could be laid as part of future development, at minimum inconvenience to residents."

"All developers have a responsibility to insure that residents in their estates are provided with "wholesome and clean" drinking water, under the European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations 2007 and I am calling on Fingal to compel the developer to take permanent measures to ensure this does not happen again," concluded Deputy Kennedy.