

Overall Assessment for Balscadden Beach - Framework to assist Local Authorities in the assessment of submissions for the identification of new bathing waters

Factor	Rating ¹	Weighting ²	Score ³	Comments
Location	1	3	3	Right of Way across private property, challenging access via steep steps
Beach Numbers/users	4	4	16	No specific evidence produced indicating significant ongoing use
Car parking/facilities	1	2	2	In an exceptionally high demand area, no dedicated parking
Commercial impacts	2	1	2	At some remove from existing commercial infrastructure
Local support	5	1	5	Local support
Water Quality	5	5	25	Sampling from 2016 and 2015 confirms that water quality is excellent
Signage	1	2	2	None
Safety	1	5	5	Significant access difficulties
Planned Developments	1	1	1	Not aware of any planned developments
Costs	1	3	3	N/A
Overall weighted score			64	
Deferred pending additional data				
Accepted as an EU identified BW				
Accepted as 'other monitored water'				
Rejected	x			
General Summary of the proposed and assessment outcome				
<p>Sampling of water quality cannot safely take place at Balscadden as the access to the beach is by way of a very steep series of poorly maintained hazardous steps. The Council has sampled by boat at Balscadden Bay in 2015 & 2016 and will continue this for 2017 where practicable (weather permitting and where equipment is available).</p>				

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Where 1= Not suitable/Low/Expensive and 5 = Very suitable/High/Inexpensive

Weighting factor applied in 'Framework to assist Local Authorities in the assessment of submissions for the identification of bathing waters'

Score = Rating x Weighting