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**Board Direction**  
**BD-019620-25**  
**ABP-321769-25**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at Board meetings held on 09/05/2025.

The Board decided as follows:

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2025 from Knockharley Landfill Limited under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development, granted under ABP-303211-18 for a facility for the disposal, treatment and recovery of waste, at Knockharley Landfill, County Meath.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021,

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed alteration is described as a change of use from a permitted bio-stabilisation/composting building to a building for purposes of construction and demolition fines washing operations, as well as minor internal and external building modifications.

**AND WHEREAS** having regard to the issues involved, the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to the matter,

**AND WHEREAS** the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations



would not result in the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

**AND WHEREAS** having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

**NOW THEREFORE** in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the abovementioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

### **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (i) The limited nature and scale of the proposed alteration,
- (ii) the documentation on file and the relevant documentation from permission ABP-303211-18, and,
- (iii) the report of the Inspector.

Having regard to:

- (a) the limited nature and scale of the proposed change of use, to replace the bio-stabilisation / composting operations use with recycling of materials of construction and demolition fines, within a permitted building at an established landfill site, being a previously approved facility for the disposal, treatment and recovery of waste,
- (b) the recycling of construction and demolition fines which is similar in nature and characteristics to the approved development (ABP-303211-18), and with no change to the quantum of waste which is already permitted for

acceptance and processing at the landfill site, and with all works related to the proposed alteration contained within the permitted building, within the site and the red line boundary,

- (c) the absence of any significant environmental sensitivity in the vicinity, the development characteristics, potential impacts and the scale and nature of the alterations proposed in relation to the consented development, and
- (d) the location of the development outside of any sensitive location specified in article 109(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,

It is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

### **EIA Screening Determination**

The Board completed an Environmental Impact Assessment screening of the proposed development and considered that the Environment Impact Assessment Screening Report submitted by the applicant, which contains information set out in Schedule 7A to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, identifies and describes adequately the direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment.

The Board concluded that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment, and that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required.

### **AA Screening Determination**

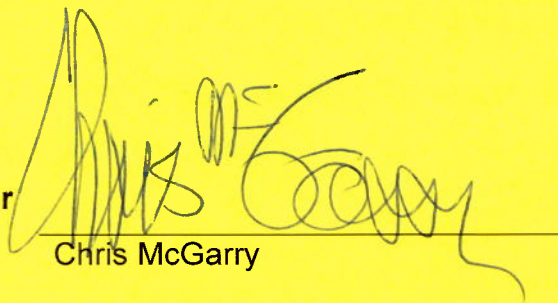
The Board was satisfied that the information before it was adequate to undertake a screening for appropriate assessment in respect of the proposed alteration. The Board completed an Appropriate Assessment screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed alteration on European Sites, taking into account the nature and scale of the proposed alteration, the nature of the receiving environment, the distances to the nearest European Sites and the hydrological pathway considerations, the documentation on file, the relevant documentation from



permission ABP-303211-18, and the Planning Inspector's report. The Board concluded that, by itself or in combination with other development, plans and projects in the vicinity, the proposed alteration would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site in view of the Conservation Objectives of such sites.

It is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

**Board Member**



Chris McGarry

**Date:** 09/05/2025