



An  
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**Board Direction**  
**BD-019904-25**  
**ABP-321861-25**

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on 11/6/2025.

The Board determined that the prospective applicant should be notified that the consultation process is closed. Based on the foregoing assessment, the Board concluded that the proposed development would exceed the threshold set out in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and therefore satisfies Section 37A(1) of the Act. It can also be concluded that the development is of strategic importance and meets the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a), Section 37A(2)(b) and Section 37A(2)(c) of the Act.

The prospective applicant should be notified, pursuant to Section 37(B)(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the Board is of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development within the meaning of Section 37A of the Act for the reasons and considerations set out below.

## **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed Healthcare Waste Treatment and Transfer Facility and to the national and regional policy context, it is considered that the proposed healthcare waste treatment and transfer facility at an existing vacant industrial warehouse, accepting up to 20,000 tonnes of healthcare waste per annum, at Block 8003, Blarney Business Park, Shean Upper, Blarney, County Cork constitutes development that falls within the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, thereby satisfying the requirements set out in Section 37A(1) of the Act.

An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under Section 37E of the Act.

The applicant shall be advised that the application documentation should be forwarded to the following the prescribed bodies which are considered relevant in this instance

- Minister of Housing Local Government and Heritage
- Minister of Climate Energy and the Environment
- Planning Authority(s) incl. Cork City Council, Cork County Council and all relevant Planning authorities in the Southern Region
- Southern Regional Assembly
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland/ National Transport Authority
- An Taisce
- Uisce Eireann
- Inland Fisheries
- Waterways Ireland
- Department of Transport
- EPA
- HSE
- Health and Safety Authority
- The Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- Office of Public Works
- ESB
- EirGrid

**Board Member**

**Date:** 11/06/2025

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