



Board Direction

Ref: 17.PM0007

Having decided at a meeting of the Strategic Infrastructure Division, held on 8th January 2016, that the proposed alteration would be material, and having required public consultation to be carried out, the Board, at a further meeting held on 8th April 2016, considered the documentation on file, including the submissions received arising from consultation with the public and with prescribed bodies, and the further report of the Inspector of 30th March 2016, and decided as follows:

- that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment, and
- to make the proposed alteration.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

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

- (a) the provisions of Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, including the principle of proximity,
- (b) the provisions of the National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2014 - 2020, including the recommendation in relation to north-south cooperation in hazardous waste recovery and disposal,
- (c) the provisions of the North East Region Waste Management Plan 2005 - 2010, and of the subsequent Review Report (2011) and Evaluation Report (2012),
- (d) the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019, as varied,
- (e) the planning history of the site, including An Bord Pleanála appeal reference number PL17.219721 (planning authority register reference number SA/60050), as amended by planning authority register reference number SA/901467, and by An Bord Pleanála reference numbers 17.PA0026 and 17.PM0004,
- (f) the existing waste-to-energy recovery facility on site,
- (g) the revised licence issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, under which this plant operates (Industrial Emissions Licence register number W0167-03),
- (h) the nature and scale of the alteration proposed,

- (i) the documentation and submissions on file including submissions from prescribed bodies, and
- (j) the reports of the Inspector, including the examination, analysis and evaluation undertaken in relation to the potential for significant effects on the environment.

The Board was satisfied that the information before it was adequate to undertake a screening for appropriate assessment and environmental impact assessment in respect of the proposed alteration.

In conducting a screening exercise for appropriate assessment, the Board considered the nature, scale and context of the proposed alteration, the documentation on file generally, the planning history of the site, the revised licence issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, the submissions on file, and the assessment of the Inspector in relation to the potential for effects on European Sites. In undertaking the screening exercise, the Board accepted the analysis and conclusions of the Inspector. The Board concluded that, by itself and in combination with other development in the vicinity including the development already undertaken at this site, the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on European Sites.

The Board considered the potential environmental impacts that might arise due to the proposed alteration, including those in relation to transport and water consumption, both by itself and in cumulation with other development in the vicinity, including the existing facility. Having regard to the characteristics of the receiving environment, the characteristics of the proposed alteration, the planning history of the site, the revised licence issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, the limited physical impacts associated with the proposed alteration, the Board is satisfied that the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. The Board concurred with the analysis and conclusions of the Inspector in this matter. The Board, therefore, concluded that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

The Board concluded that, subject to compliance with the condition set out below, the proposed alteration would be compatible with EU, national, regional and local waste management policies, would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

CONDITION

The proposed alteration shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

Board Member: _____ Date: 12th April 2016
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