

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/00528

APPEAL by Irish Water care of Jacobs Engineering Ireland Limited of Merrion House, 4 Merrion Road, Dublin against the decision made on the 21st day of September, 2021 by Cork County Council to refuse permission to the said Irish Water.

Proposed Development: Upgrade of Clonakilty Wastewater Treatment Plant to a satellite dewatering centre comprising the importation of liquid sludges from external wastewater treatment plants to the existing wastewater treatment plant site, and the provision of additional physical infrastructure to enable sludge importation and the dewatering of those liquid sludge imports, comprising:

- To be located at the sludge import area - imported sludge screen, imported sludge storage tank (below ground) and noise protection barrier (2.4 metres high).
- To be located in the existing oxidation ditch - sludge imports buffer tank, picket fence thickener, thickened sludge storage tank, sludge liquor balancing tank, odour control unit, and pumps on concrete plinths.
- Hardstanding for new skip.

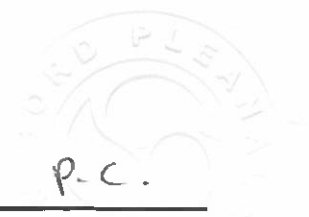


- Extension to access road, with bunded area for sludge delivery tankers.
- Ducting and pipework.
- Centrifuge for imported sludge.
- Polyelectrolyte dosing pumps, feed pumps, mixers and other ancillary mechanical and electrical plant.
- All associated ancillary site development works.

All at Clonakilty Wastewater Treatment Plant, Inchydoney Road, Youghals, Clonakilty, County Cork.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.



Reasons and Considerations

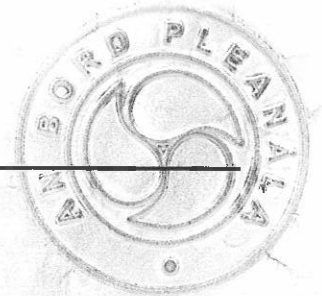
Having regard to the sensitive location of the proposed development, adjacent to an area zoned town centre in the Clonakilty Town Development Plan 2009-2015 (as varied) and a tourist attraction and accessed through a public park and, based on the level of detail set out in the documentation submitted with the planning application and the appeal in relation to the description of the nature of the proposed development, the level of detail provided in relation to the baseline information/surveys and anticipated arising environmental impacts, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed new use as a satellite dewatering centre for imported sludge, in combination with the continued existing use of the site as a wastewater treatment plant, would not give rise to significant foul odour, noise, and general nuisance. The Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not comprise an inappropriate form of development at this location. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health, would seriously injure the amenities of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Patricia Calleary.

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Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**



Dated this 04 day of August 2022.