

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21424

APPEAL by Peter Whelan of Rathmalen, Slane, County Meath, and by Dawn Meats Ireland (Unlimited Company) care of Finn Design Partnership of Blakestown, Ardee, County Louth and by Others against the decision made on the 27th day of April 2022 by Meath County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Dawn Meats Ireland (Unlimited Company) in accordance with the plans and particulars of the said Council.

Proposed Development: The development consists of the construction of an extension to an existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) where the works include: (a) Demolition of an existing storage building (17.50 square metres) and construction of a new single-storey industrial type building to enclose the DAF unit granted planning permission under planning reference LB180300 and to provide new enclosed storage and control rooms (total floor area 119 square metres); (b) Install a new sludge press at intake to WWTP, change aeration tank to anoxic tank, install two number additional aeration tanks, alteration to perimeter berm to increase the footprint of WWTP, by 539 square metres to that granted planning permission under planning permission LB180300; (c) Treated wastewater rising main from the site of the proposed development to new discharge point at the River Boyne (distance 7.2

kilometres), where pipeline shall be laid along a section of Windmill Road, the L1013, Yellow Furze Road, the L1600 (Boyne Road) and the unnamed local road leading from the L1600 to the private lands abutting the River Boyne at the discharge point. This planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS). This application relates to a development which is for the purposes of an activity which holds an Industrial Emissions Licence (Register number P0811-02). Painestown, Seneschalstown, Dollardstown, Hayestown-Carnuff Little and Ardmulchan, Navan, County Meath. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 4th day of March 2022.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having considered the totality of information and submissions on the file and the reports of the Inspectorate including their specialist consultant, it is considered that insufficient information has been submitted by the applicant to adequately demonstrate that the proposed development would not directly, indirectly and cumulatively adversely affect water quality in the River Boyne, which is interlinked with Population and Human Health (drinking water), Biodiversity (fish and mammals) and Material Assets – Natural and Agricultural Resources (tourism, recreation and other amenities associated with the River Boyne), as to satisfy the requirements of Article 94 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) and associated Schedule 6.

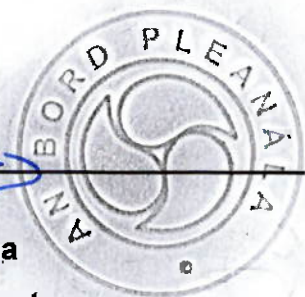
2. Furthermore, it is considered that scientific doubt remains as to the absence of adverse effects on the integrity of the River Boyne and Blackwater Special Area of Consideration (Site Code 002299) and River Boyne and Blackwater Special Protection Area (Site Code 004232) arising from the treated wastewater effluent element of the proposed development in view of the conservation objectives of these sites.

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Member of An Bord Pleanála

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



Dated this *20th* day of *January*, 2025.