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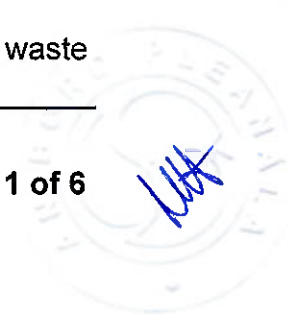
**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 22/1305**

**Appeal** by George Williams of "The Annex", Newcastle House, Kilmainhamwood, Kells, County Meath and by Peter Brittain of Newcastle House, Kilmainhamwood, Kells, County Meath against the decision made on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Padraig Thornton Waste Disposal Limited (trading as Thorntons Recycling) care of Tobin Consulting Engineers of Block 10/4, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

**Proposed Development:** An increase in waste acceptance at the existing composting facility from the currently permitted 40,000 tonnes per annum to 50,000 tonnes per annum. The waste types proposed to be accepted at the facility will remain as per the currently permitted waste types, namely biodegradable waste for composting. The proposed development will include the provision of additional odour control infrastructure in the form of a new biofilter with an approximate area of 385 square metres and a vertical emissions stack with an approximate height of 15 metres, as well as improvements to the existing odour control infrastructure. No additional waste



handling or treatment infrastructure is required to support the proposed development. The overall application boundary has an area of 4.6 hectares and includes the existing composting facility, administration building, facility access infrastructure and other ancillary infrastructure, at Ballynalurgan, Kilmainhamwood, Kells, County Meath.

## **Decision**

**GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.**

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the permitted established use of the site, which is subject to licensing by the Environmental Protection Agency, and to the provisions of the Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027 it is considered that the proposed extension to the existing composting facility, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health, would not give rise to a traffic hazard, and would be in accordance with both national and regional policy in relation to waste management. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

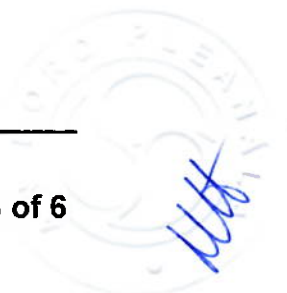


## **Environment Impact Assessment Screening**

The Board accepted and adopted the conclusion of the Inspector that, by reason of the nature, scale and location of the subject site, the proposed extension to the existing composting facility would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that that the preparation and submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report would not, therefore, be required in this case.

## **Appropriate Assessment Screening**

The Board completed an Appropriate Assessment screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on European Sites, taking into account the nature and scale of the proposed development on serviced lands, the nature of the receiving environment, the distances to the nearest European sites and the hydrological pathway considerations, submissions and observations on file, the information and reports submitted as part of the subject application, and the Planning Inspector's report. In completing the screening exercise, the Board agreed with and adopted the report of the Planning Inspector and that, by itself or in combination with other development, plans and projects in the vicinity, the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site in view of the Conservation Objectives of such sites, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not, therefore, required.



## Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

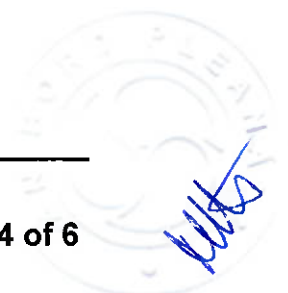
**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. The development shall comply with all relevant conditions of the previous grants of permission - An Bord Pleanála appeal reference number PL 17.208236 (planning register reference number KA/30304), and An Bord Pleanála appeal reference number PL17.236333 (planning register reference number KA/901007).

**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development.

3. This permission is for the composting of waste with a maximum intake of 50,000 tonnes per annum.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity and orderly development.



4. Mitigation and monitoring measures outlined in the plans and particulars, including the Planning and Environmental Considerations Report shall be carried out in full, except where otherwise required by conditions attached to this permission.

**Reason:** In the interest of protecting the environment, and in the interest of public health.

5. The proposed extension shall be used only as a compost-making facility in conjunction with the existing structure and shall not be used for any other waste processing activity or any other class of use contained in Part 4 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 or any other amending legislation, unless authorised by a separate and specific grant of planning permission.

**Reason:** To limit the proposed development to the terms of the application, having particular regard to the location of the site in a rural area.

6. All sludges, compost and intermediary products shall be stored indoors. No composting materials shall be stored outdoors.

**Reason:** To safeguard the amenities of the area.

7. All waste for composting, brought to the site, and all composting materials leaving the site shall be delivered and taken away in enclosed containers.

**Reason:** To safeguard the amenities of the area.

8. The external finish to the proposed stack and biofilter walls shall be neutral in colour.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.



**Martina Hennessy**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

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



Dated this 22nd day of February 2024.