



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

**Board Order**  
**ABP-318864-24**

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council.**

**Planning Register Reference Number: LBS52376.**

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether ‘the installation of a 7-hectare sub-surface irrigation system to facilitate the dispersal of treated effluent from the existing on-site wastewater treatment plant. The system is installed with an irrigation pipework on the two fields which are separated by 400 millimetres. The design of the system will be divided into seven zones which will be irrigated via an automated system.’ at Dawn Meats (Slane) of Greenhills, Beauparc, County Meath, is or is not development and is or is not exempted development,

**AND WHEREAS** Dawn Meats (Slane) care of Montgomery EHS Limited of Kanother Business Park, Killeedy, Ballagh, County Limerick requested a declaration on this question from Meath County Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 and the Council did not issue a declaration,

**AND WHEREAS** Meath County Council of Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, County Meath referred the question to An Bord Pleanála on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024,

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to -

- (a) Section 2(1), 3(1), and 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (c) the current activities that are undertaken on the site, which are subject to an Industrial Emissions Licence from the Environmental Protection Agency (Reference P0811-02), and
- (d) the planning history of the site.

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

- (a) The works, which comprise the installation of a 7 hectare sub-surface irrigation system to facilitate the dispersal of treated effluent from the existing on-site wastewater treatment plant constitute works under land and a material change to the existing treatment of wastewater within the site and, therefore, come within the scope of Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended and, therefore, is development.
- (b) The provision of a sub-surface irrigation system to facilitate the dispersal of treated effluent from the existing on-site wastewater treatment plant serving the facility at Dawn Meats (Slane), which is controlled by IE licence P0811-02 does not comprise the maintenance, improvements or other alteration of any structure and therefore, does not fall under the exemptions provided under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

- (c) There are no other provisions, in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, or in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whereby this development would be classified as exempted development, and this development is, therefore, not exempted development.

**NOW THEREFORE** An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (4) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that 'the installation of a 7 hectare sub-surface irrigation system to facilitate the dispersal of treated effluent from the existing on-site wastewater treatment plant. The system is installed with an irrigation pipework on the two fields which are separated by 400 millimetres. The design of the system will be divided into seven zones which will be irrigated via an automated system.' at Dawn Meats (Slane) of Greenhills, Beauparc, County Meath is development and is not exempted development.

*Eamonn James Kelly*

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**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

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



Dated this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *January*, 2025.