# An Bord Pleanála



### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

# **Meath County**

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: 17.PM0007

(Associated Application Reference Number 17.PA0026)

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2015 from Indaver Ireland Limited of 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Block I, West Pier Business Campus, Old Dunleary Road, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development, described as alterations to the existing development as follows:

- (a) To increase the intake tonnage of waste from 200,000 tonnes to 220,000 tonnes per annum.
- (b) To allow the acceptance of some additional types of waste defined as hazardous and non-hazardous in the European Waste Catalogue.
- (c) A change in status of the temporary spare parts warehouse building (single storey building 25 metres x 15 metres x 6.7 metres high) to a permanent centralised maintenance depot.
- (d) A change in status of the temporary electrical switchgear building (associated with the above) 4 metres x 2.5 metres x 3.2 metres high from temporary to permanent.
- (e) A change in status of the temporary construction modular office building (single storey building 33 metres x 12 metres x 3 metres high) from temporary to permanent.

- (f) A change in status of the temporary electrical switchgear building (associated with the above) 3 metres x 2.7 metres x 3.2 metres high from temporary to permanent.
- (g) Construction of an access roadway to the modular office building.
- (h) 22 number new car parking spaces associated with the modular office building.
- (i) A new on-site effluent treatment system associated with the modular office building.
- (j) Change in status from temporary to permanent for hardcored areas associated with the spare parts warehouse, construction offices and temporary site car park.
- (k) An additional fuel storage tank (8.7 metres length x 2.7 metres diameter).
- (I) An additional ammonia storage tank (7.15 metres length x 3.5 metres diameter).

All at Carranstown, Duleek, County Meath.

**PROPOSED ALTERATION:** Proposed alteration to facilitate the pre-treatment process of air pollution control (flue gas and boiler ash) residues on site. The proposed alteration required for such pre-treatment will consist of the extension of the existing ash residue loading bay and the construction of a pre-treatment process plant enclosure at the Waste-to-Energy Facility at Carranstown, Duleek, County Meath.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

**AND WHEREAS** the Board considered that the proposed alteration in question would result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

**AND WHEREAS** the Board invoked the provisions of section 146B(8)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to invite submissions or observations in relation to the matter from members of the public,

**AND WHEREAS** having considered all of the documents and submissions on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

**NOW THEREFORE** in accordance with section 146B(3)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by the Board on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2015.

#### MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard.

## **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 on waste, 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 proposed alteration,
- (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.

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2016.

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