



<b>Case Reference / Description</b>	09.PC0204  Increase in non-hazardous waste to landfill, increase in volume of waste to composting facility and development of hazardous waste landfill at Drehid Waste Management Facility, Co. Kildare.		
<b>Case Type</b>	Pre-application consultation		
<b>Meeting</b>	Meeting with EPA via conference call		
<b>Date</b>	29/05/17	<b>Start Time</b>	3 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Various incl. offices of An Bord Pleanála	<b>End Time</b>	3.40 p.m.
<b>Chairperson</b>	Pauline Fitzpatrick	<b>Executive Officer</b>	Kieran Somers

<b>Attendees</b>		
<b>Representing An Bord Pleanála</b>		
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Patrick Byrne	Office of Environmental Enforcement, Dublin	
Carol O' Sullivan	Office of Environmental Enforcement, Dublin	
Mary Frances Rochford	Office of Environmental Enforcement, South East	
Damien Masterson	Office of Environmental Enforcement, South East	

The meeting commenced via conference call at 3 p.m.

The Board said that the instant meeting with the EPA was an information-gathering exercise from its point of view pursuant to section 37C(4) of the Act whereby the Board can consult with any person it considers may have information relevant to the purposes of the consultation under section 37B. A record of the meeting would be taken which would be made public at the closure of the pre application consultation process. A copy of the Written Record will be forwarded to the Agency.

The Board noted that the function of pre-application consultations generally is to determine whether or not a proposed development would constitute strategic infrastructure, to advise on procedural issues and any other matters pertaining to proper planning and sustainable development which, in the opinion of the Board, might have a bearing on any decision.

The Board set out the progress of pre-application consultations to date. It advised the Agency that four meetings have been held with the prospective applicant in relation to PC0204. The Board also noted that it has previously met with representatives from the agency in respect of the facility.

With respect to Drehid Waste Management Facility, the Board set out the constituent elements of the proposed development as follows:

- Increased non-hazardous landfill of 250,000 tonnes per annum, which in addition to the permitted 120,000 tonnes per annum, would result in 370,000 tonnes per annum up to the 2028 (when extant permission PL09.212059 is due to expire); this would include incinerator bottom ash.
- 15,000 tonnes per annum metals recovery.
- Increase in intake for composting from 25,000 tonnes per annum to 90,000 tonnes per annum.
- Hazardous landfill – 85,000 tonnes per annum.

The EPA was also informed that the prospective applicant had sought formal closure to the pre-application consultation process. The Board requested the pre-application consultation team to examine in more detail the planning and environmental authorisations for the permitted Carranstown and Poolbeg Energy from Waste facilities in respect of proposals and requirements for the recovery or disposal of bottom ash; and to meet with representatives from the Agency to discuss their perspective on strategic management of this waste stream in Ireland and in a European policy context and also as to whether any relevant considerations arise in terms of the IED licences for the Poolbeg or Carranstown facilities.

As regards bottom ash, the Board noted that the prospective applicant in this pre-application consultation case favours disposal rather than recovery (and has no proposals for segregation).

The Board said that it was seeking to ascertain if the Agency is aware of any future plans at National or European level vis-à-vis the use or re-use of IBA. The Agency replied saying that it is not aware of any specific plans or obligations, but is cognisant generally of the Government's support for recycling; it added that economics and economies of scale may be an important factor in the consideration of how viable such re-use is.

The Agency referred to two applications which are before it for changes to existing licences to enable the acceptance of non-hazardous IBA. These are in respect of the Nurendale facility in County Meath and the Starrus Eco Holding Ltd facility in the Millennium Business Park. Recycling options are referred to in the licence applications.

At a European level, the Agency said it was not aware of any specific plans as regards IBA. It noted for the record that the Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU) is the pertinent EU instrument in this regard. The Agency also drew the Board's attention to the revised Waste Incineration BREF which is currently at first draft stage.

The Board enquired as to the role of the Agency with respect to any future market development or requirement for IBA. The Agency stated that its remit is with regard to the end of waste criteria and that it is required to ensure that any waste residue has no environmental effects; the processes involved prior to this are a matter for the owner and operator of the facility in question.

With respect to the licensing of both the Carranstown and Poolbeg facilities, the Board enquired as to whether there are any conditions attached to these licences which would have an impact on the waste stream into the future. The Agency replied that there is a general requirement on the operators to reduce the quantity of waste; it added that this requires the operators to consider options with regard to use and re-use. Noting this, the Board asked how operators of facilities demonstrate compliance with this. The Agency replied that there is nothing specific in this latter regard, but that there would be a general requirement as part of an Environmental Management Programme. It also noted that the Carranstown facility has some metal removal involved. It also exports some of its bottom ash for backfilling of a mine in Northern Ireland. Poolbeg will not have metal removal and the material will be exported in its raw state.

In respect of the recently operational Waste-to-Energy plant at Poolbeg, the Agency noted that bottom ash produced will be presumed to be hazardous until such time as the operator can prove otherwise.

With regard to any differing opinions on the re-use of IBA, the Board asked if the Agency itself had any views on this. The Agency considered that any divergence may be explained by different economic analyses which have been carried out.

With regard to the proposal at Drehid to dispose of IBA to landfill, the Agency said that it would have to assess if this is an appropriate disposal strategy for the future.

With regard to figures proposed as part of pre-application consultations on the existing facility, the Board said that it had sought to impress upon the prospective applicant the absolute need for clarity with regard to tonnages and the waste stream.

**Conclusion:**

A copy of the written record will be forwarded to the Agency. The record will be made available to the prospective applicant and will be on the public record when the pre-application consultation case is formally concluded.

The meeting concluded at 3. 40 p.m.

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**Pauline Fitzpatrick**  
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