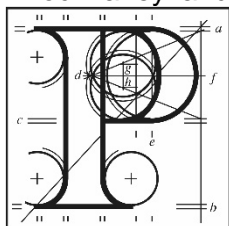


Knockharley landfill



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Recording of Meeting 17.PC0223 3rd meeting

Case Reference / Description	17.PC0223 Increased acceptance of non-hazardous waste for recovery and disposal, leachate plant and biological treatment facility Knockharley Landfill, Co. Meath.		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2nd Meeting	3rd		
Date	14 th September, 2017	Start Time	2.30 p.m
Location	Meeting room 3	End Time	3.30 p.m.
Chairperson	Philip Green	Executive Officer	Muiríosa Cassells

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The meeting commenced at 2.30pm

The Board referred to the previous meeting which took place on the 25th October 2016 and asked the prospective applicant if it wished to make any comments on the record of this meeting. The prospective applicant replied that it had no comments to make.

The Board noted that revised drawings were submitted to the Board on the 16th and 20th February, 2017 (hard copy) for perusal by the Board. A request to close the pre app process was received on the 31st March, 2017. A report was then prepared by the Board's reporting inspector on the 12th April, 2017. A Board Direction then followed on the 5th May, 2017 instructing the reporting team to meet with the EPA and the Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Office

On the 13th June, 2017 the prospective applicant issued a letter to the Board withdrawing their request for a Determination.

The Records of the Board's meeting with the EPA and the EMRWO were given to the prospective applicants. They had no comments to make.

Presentation by the prospective applicant: (See Document attached)

The prospective applicant began by providing an update on the status of the project involving increased landfilling of non-hazardous municipal solid waste (MSW) recovery through long term storage of non hazardous incinerator bottom ash (IBA) and the development of leachate treatment/conditioning plant. It is also now proposed to provide for a 25,000 tpa biological treatment (composting) facility for treatment of organic residual 'fines' . The development of a facility processing building for IBA processing or temporary baled MSW storage is not now being proposed. The 25,000 tpa capacity is not additional and will be from the 290,000 tpa capacity identified for the increased landfilling.

The prospective applicants stated there is a need for the biological treatment facility due to the increased market demand for treatment of organic fines produced from recovered fuel production and further demand expected as evidenced by a number of developments proposing increased recovered fuel consumptions. Regard is had to the continued Landfill Directive implementation. The proposal supports EMWMP 2015 – 2021 Policy E15a, where further thermal capacity to be provided may relate to recovered fuel production.

Comments

A discussion ensued regarding the Board's meeting's with the EPA and the EMRWO.

The prospective applicant was advised that the Board directed it's reporting team to examine in more detail the planning and environmental authorisations for the permitted energy from waste facilities at Carranstown and Poolbeg in respect of the proposed development and requirements for recovery or disposal of the bottom ash residues.

It also asked its representatives to meet with the EPA to discuss their perspective on strategic management of this waste stream in Ireland and whether any relevant considerations arise in terms of the IED licences for the above mentioned EFW facilities

The Boards reporting team met with the EPA via conference call on the 29th May 2017 regarding the above Direction. The EPA informed the Board that it is not aware of any specific plans or obligations at national or European level vis-à-vis the use or re-use of IBA but is cognisant generally of the Governments support for recycling. It is also stated that economics and economies of scale may be an important factor in the considerations of how viable re-use is.

A meeting was held with the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office on the 20th July, 2017. The Regional Waste Office noted that the regional plans make reference to the exploration of alternative uses for waste streams generally. It noted that a collective approach is needed with respect to the development of the market for IBA re-use but that there was no certainty at present as to how or where the market would develop. It said that the prudent strategy might be to allow for further re-appraisal with respect to the disposal of bottom ash, should re-use in Ireland become a viable option.

The Board acknowledged that there may need to be a policy making considerations from the relevant stakeholders (e.g. Gov/NRA/NSAI etc).

The prospective applicant was advised that the waste streams and sources and figures for such should be clearly stated and robustly supported and that alternative re-use /use of waste streams should be fully assessed.

The Board made reference to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Governments Circular letter which advises on the interim Implementation of Directive 2014/52/EU on the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (EIA Directive) which is soon to be transposed into Irish law.

Conclusion:

The Board asked the prospective applicant if it considered this to be the final meeting in this particular pre-application case or if they had any further consultations to undertake. The prospective applicant said that it had no further consultations and it believed that this would be the final meeting. The prospective applicant noted this and indicated a planning application would be lodged by it at the end of the year.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 p.m.

Philip Green

Assistant Director of Planning