Our Case Number: ABP-312131-21



Vivienne Burch & Others 17 Newbury Avenue Clonshaugh Dublin 17

Date: 12 June 2024

Re: Greater Dublin Drainage Project consisting of a new wastewater treatment plant, sludge hub centre, orbital sewer, outfall pipeline and regional biosolids storage facility Townlands of Clonshagh, Dubber and Newtown, County Fingal and Dublin City

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear An Bord Pleanala

Please find attached my submission in relation to the above project.

Kind regards Vivienne Burch

17 Newbury Avenue Clonshaugh Dublin 17

6 June 2024

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Ref: ABP-312131-21 Greater Dublin Drainage Project

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the recent reopening of the case involving the proposed giant wastewater treatment plant in Clonshaugh. I am also very disappointed at the lack of consultation. I did not receive any direct communication from An Bord Pleanála regarding this development and it has come to my attention that new submissions are being accepted. Apparently the only communication of this was through newspaper announcements. The reliance on newspaper notifications alone is insufficient and does not ensure that all affected parties are adequately informed. This lack of direct communication is particularly troubling given the potential safety concerns associated with the proposed giant wastewater plant.

As a resident directly in the vicinity of the proposed plant, the issues under review are of significant importance to my family's safety and well-being. The construction and operation of such a large-scale facility in close proximity to residential areas raise significant safety and environmental concerns. The potential risks to health, safety, and quality of life for those of us living nearby are extensive but some of these include;

- the potential for a large scale disaster if there is an explosion or leak location of this giant facility
- damage to air quality in the area and the impact on health for those with breathing conditions etc. being exposed to gas emissions daily
- negative impacts on tourism and leisure in this area including the visual impact on the ground and overhead, as it is on the DAA flight plan with aircraft constantly flying overhead.
- the fact that it is under the direct flight pathway to Dublin airport
- The plant is too big and will treat waste for over three quarter of a million people.
 It goes against best practice which would be to have smaller plants built in a variety of locations instead.
- It will have a negative impact and will lower the reputation of the area, which has already been affected by over-population and socio-economic issues which the community are striving to over-come.

- We already have problems related to traffic in the area. Tanker trucks will be driven to the plant up the N32/R139 and this will further exacerbate the problems we already have.
- We have a large population living around this area which will be adversely affected by this proposed project.
- The smell from the plant is going to affect everyone in the area. This plant is 4 times the size of Croke Park, it will not be possible to control all the odour coming from this area to the large population living beside it.
- No houses from our area or surrounding areas will be serviced by this plant, yet will have to put up with the consequences of having it on our doorstep.
- Portmarnock beach is the only Blue Flag beach we have. This waste will be brought back in by the tides destroying the only good beach we have.

I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála note my strong objection to this giant wastewater treatment plant being built in Clonshaugh. I would also ask that there are more robust and direct communication methods for notifying residents

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope that future notifications will be handled in a way that ensures all residents are properly informed about such critical updates and are able to contribute their input.

Yours faithfully

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