



Denise Mitchell TD & Others
Ayrfield Community Centre
Blunden Drive
Dublin 13

Date: 03 October 2022

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 recent 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 with regard to the 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 Fingal County Council 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,


Eimear Reilly
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Eimear Reilly

From: Eimear Reilly
Sent: Monday 3 October 2022 12:39
To: Stephen Todd
Subject: RE: ABP-312131-21 - Letter dated 26th Aug 2022

Hi Stephen

The Board acknowledges receipt of this submission. A formal acknowledgement letter will issue in the coming days.

Kind regards

Eimear

From: Stephen Todd <Stephen.Todd@oireachtas.ie>
Sent: Friday 30 September 2022 11:40
To: Eimear Reilly <e.reilly@pleanala.ie>
Subject: RE: ABP-312131-21 - Letter dated 26th Aug 2022

Hi Eimear,

Please see attached

Is mise le meas,

Stephen Todd

PA to Denise Mitchell TD

From: Eimear Reilly <e.reilly@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Thursday 15 September 2022 15:06
To: Stephen Todd <Stephen.Todd@oireachtas.ie>
Subject: ABP-312131-21 - Letter dated 26th Aug 2022

Hi Stephen

As requested, please find attached letter which issued to you on 26th Aug 2022 along with the attached enclosure.

Kind regards

Eimear

Eimear Reilly
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The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
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Dear Secretary,

We are writing to you to object to the proposal to build a large wastewater treatment plant at Stockhole Lane in Clonsaugh (Ref: 06F PC0152). We write as representative voices on behalf of the majority of constituents living nearby, many thousands of whom have submitted observations on why this plant should not be placed at this proposed site; having not received any assurances that their concerns would be addressed in a satisfactory way.

We understand that there were 22 sites considered initially, and we would urge you to re-evaluate those sites and consider their appropriateness as it is apparent to me and many others living in this area that the selection of this site at Stockhole Lane is wholly unsuitable for numerous reasons.

The site is in very close proximity to large housing estates and there are hundreds of homes within less than 1km of the site. It is roughly 30 hectares, which is enormous, and is anticipated to be just less than 20 metres in height, which is also huge; resulting in the whole complex being unsightly, and not in keeping with other developments in the area in any way, shape, or form.

We believe that there will be significant disruption caused during the construction phase which will include traffic problems and significant numbers of truck movements, as well as a permanent increase in traffic volume in an area that already experiences significant issues with traffic congestion.

If the plant does become operational it will likely emit odours into the communities adjacent to it, which will undoubtedly have a significant effect on quality of life for residents and businesses in the local area.



This has been the experience of many communities state-wide despite commitments from contractors that odours would be treated and contained within the respective plants prior to their development.

We wish to raise serious concerns over the environmental impact of the outflow on the area around Portmarnock, Baldoyle, Howth, Sutton and Ireland's Eye in particular. Beaches and bathing waters along the coast are an important amenity to local residents. In recent years there have been issues regarding water quality these areas, and it is likely that this plant would further deteriorate bathing water quality in the bay, causing harm to local species and humans alike.

We do not believe the impact of effluent, sewage and treated water into waters close to Ireland's Eye has been fully thought through. In particular, Ireland's Eye is an important breeding ground for seabirds. Under the EU Birds Directive all member states have a duty to protect the 500 wild bird species naturally occurring in the European Union. It is our opinion that the location of the outflow pipe, being in such close proximity to a major seabird colony, runs contrary to this specific directive.

The outflow will also have a major impact on the North Bull Island Nature Reserve which is a very sensitive marine and coastal area that provides a vital winter-feeding ground for internationally significant Brent Geese.

We hope that you will take these very serious concerns into account when making your decision.

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Denise Mitchell TD,

Cllr Larry O'Toole,

Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha,

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