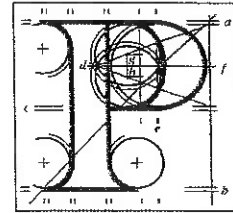


Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



An
Bord
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Betty Browne and Co.
15 Island View
Malahide
County Dublin

Date: 12th October 2018

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 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 Dublin City Council and 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,

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**TO: The Secretary,
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September 17, 2018

RE: OBJECTION TO GDD PLANNING APPLICATION PL06F.301908

Dear Secretary,

We the undersigned are writing to add to our objections of August 16 to the above referenced proposed Greater Dublin Drainage Sewage Plant in north Dublin, with outflow pipe in the area of Ireland's Eye, Portmarnock Beach, Co. Dublin.

Our additional objections and submissions are as follows:

- 1. We are shocked by the fact that Irish Water omitted crucial information from their Environmental Impact Assessment report and we believe this clearly indicates that not sufficient consideration has been given to the grave concerns of our local communities about the health and environmental risks posed by this sewage plant.**
- 2. Since Irish Water failed to originally include such key EIA information in its planning application, how can An Bord Pleanála be assured of the thoroughness of any environmental studies and assessments it carried out?**
- 3. Since neither the Irish Aviation Authority nor Failte Ireland were originally even aware of the project, how can An Bord Pleanála be satisfied that prior notice was given to other key ecological and environmental groups? We request that a list of those groups who were informed or who were not informed should be provided by Irish Water as a matter of urgency.**
- 4. The fact that treatment will not be to tertiary standards is of extreme and fundamental concern with its potentially dangerous consequences for the health and safety of our communities and our environment. We request full information be provided on why it was decided to have treatment only to secondary standards—were studies carried out on the impact on our local communities of having treatment only to secondary standards?**
- 5. Since supporting evidence on the ground and marine investigations, as well as drawings of road and rail lines in the area chosen, were not originally submitted, we are gravely concerned about the dangerous risks the sewage plant and any associated work pose for the safety of our local infrastructure. What guarantees have been provided to address such concerns and risks?**

6. We respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála consider an oral hearing or other such appropriate forum so that we, as members of the locally affected communities, can have our concerns as outlined here and those in our original August 16 submission, further explored by An Bord Pleanála.

7. Finally, we treasure our priceless environment that we have worked hard to maintain to Blue Flag standards in Portmarnock. That it is now being put at grave risk by this huge sewage plant is an appalling infringement of our natural right and that of all Dubliners and others to enjoy this environmental heritage that is unique in Ireland. Once it is damaged it can never be returned to what it is today. We implore you, therefore, to protect Ireland's Eye, Portmarnock Beach, Malahide Beach, Baldoyle Estuary Nature Reserve and their unique environments and habitats before it is too late.

Yours sincerely,

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**TO: The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
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August 16, 2018.

RE: OBJECTION TO GDD PLANNING APPLICATION PL06F.301908

Dear Secretary,

We the undersigned strenuously object to the above referenced proposed Greater Dublin Drainage Sewage Plant in north Dublin, with outflow pipe in the area of Ireland's Eye, Portmarnock Beach, Co. Dublin. Please find enclosed, a cheque for the required fee of €50.

Our objections are as follows:

- 1. This application poses serious risks to the health and safety of our families by polluting areas which are used for swimming and water sports.**
- 2. It will be an environmental and economic disaster for the area in which we live**
- 3. It will grossly undermine the value of our houses.**
- 4. This proposal is for far too big a treatment plant, treating waste of for up to 500,000 people, and if it goes wrong the potential for a large-scale health disaster is huge.**
- 5. This will not be treated to tertiary standards, so the potential consequences for health and safety and for the environment are extremely serious.**
- 6. Portmarnock Beach will inevitably lose its blue flag, the plant will destroy the environment and so will dramatically and negatively affect the local economy as a result.**
- 7. It will end swimming in the Malahide and Portmarnock area because of the risk of disease.**
- 8. Apart from the serious threats to our health, this plant will also threaten tourism in our community because any noxious fumes will deter visitors from other parts of Ireland and abroad from visiting our area.**

We would like to know:

A. What if any medical and scientific study has been done to assess the potential health risks involved for the populations of the area?

B. Has any agreement been obtained from Irish Water to indemnify the residents in the area against all costs arising from damage to their health caused by sewage from the GDD?

C. By what method and how often will water quality be monitored? Under EU directives the water outflowing from the shore needs to at least be up to the quality of the receiving waters.

D. What if any studies have been done on the economic impact of the plant on our local communities?

E. What if any back-up system will be in place in the event of a systems failure?

F. How can we be assured that the problems in Ringsend will not be repeated? In Ringsend, a noxious smell persistently affected the surrounding communities for years. How will our health be protected in the event of such problems?

G. Ringsend was designed to deal with the waste of 1.7 million people but ended up dealing with the waste of 1.9 million because industry waste was under estimated. What guarantees are in place to ensure this doesn't happen with the GDD proposal?

H. What if any assessments or studies have been done on the economic impact on the community of any destruction or damage to this premier tourist attraction that uniquely includes Ireland's Eye?

I. What major clean-up contingency plan will be in place if any raw sewage escapes into the sea and what medical assistance will be made available to our communities?

Yours sincerely,

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