Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



Yvonne Gregg - Chairperson Meakstown Community Council 10 Melville Close Cityside Meakstown Dublin 11

Date: 8th November 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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Planning Application: No reference number but relates to the Greater Dublin Drainage Project

Description of the Development: Micro tunnelling at R122 at Balseskin Centre where 2 x planning notices for this development is located. Odour Control Unit installation.

Location: Near Balseskin Centre – R122, St Margaret's Road.

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I refer to the above planning application and wish to make the following observation/objection in relation to the proposed development.

Please see our observations/questions/concerns listed below:

Yvonne Gregg and Claire Ann Ferry (Chairperson and Treasurer Community Council – registered with Fingal County Council) on behalf of the Meakstown Community Council who represent approx. 9.3k residents living in the area are objecting to this development of the Greater Dublin Drainage Project and in particular the Micro tunnelling at R122 at Balseskin Centre where 2 x planning notices for this development is located. Meakstown Community Council urge that full involvement/consultation takes place on this development.

Meakstown key concerns on this planning linked to the Greater Dublin Drainage Project – relating to the odour control unit proposed to be located off the R122 at Dubber):

1) Meakstown is already being used for another proposed bio-solid facility. Kilshane is a stone throw away from our community! It is unacceptable for one area to be used for both.

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2) There is no need for this plant as the odour can be controlled chemically at the pumping station and we urge that this odour control unit is not placed at Meakstown.

3) There is no information as to who will be maintaining the plant if anyone, no information as to what material will be used and no information as to when this material will be changed.

4) We viewed an odour control unit located at Julianstown and there is noise coming from this unit. This will add to the existing m50 and Dublin Airport noise pollution we already experience. The building located at Julianstown is an unsightly building and development and adds no value (and in fact reduces the value) to our already over developed (with zero community facilities) to Meakstown.

We object on above grounds and below concerns listed as we as a community have absolutely no confidence that this will be treated any different than our park that has waited 15 years for the fence to be completed. We understand this is for the benefit of the community at large (nationwide) but must insist that this unit be placed in an area that has already basic community facilities like a playground and community centre.

Building Project concerns:

Meakstown Community Council on behalf of the Meakstown community have questions in relation to future Traffic concerns in Meakstown area when the micro tunnels are being installed and Odour Control Units are being built. Is there a traffic plan in place? Currently there is further building development happening in the area and continuing and we want assurances traffic audits take place before and during the development and there are no health and safety risks.

This development will have significant impact on traffic in our area. Melville Road and St Margaret's Road are key artery roads off and to the M50. Our area already has high traffic volumes with no proper infrastructure considering the high amount of residents currently living in the area (approx. 9k people and growing).

Meakstown is located off St. Margaret's Road and off M50 up to the North road in direction of Kilshane. As you know there is a BioSolid Storage plant planned in this area also which we have raised concerns about also.

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We propose Meakstown area roads (including St Margaret's Road, Melville Road, Jamestown Roundabout) be included in all Road Surveys and are guaranteed to receive full reports from Bord Pleanala and Irish Water (ERIVA) on all outcomes.

Noise pollution:

This development and building work will have a knock on effect of other traffic to the area and will also add to noise pollution of traffic. Also we viewed an odour control unit at Julianstown and there is noise coming from this unit. This will add to the existing m50 noise and Dublin Airport noise pollution we already experience.

Odour and Environment and Health Concerns:

We have odour concerns with these proposed '**odour control units**. From research we understand these buildings will be 5 metres high.

Our question is:

Why are they only 5 metres high? As per our research they are normally up to 25metres high and above. Has Irish Water engaged with Dublin Airport Authority on this project as with gases and from a business continuity perspective they need to be aware of this proposed planning which we do not want located in Meakstown?.

Environment

- Who is controlling and monitoring these odour control units?
- We want reassurances that contingencies are in place in relation to potential flooding and ESB break down.
- In relation to digging of the area is the biodiversity of this area been considered for the area as there will be a disturbance for the natural habitat of the wildlife?

On the basis of the above, we trust our Community Concerns will be taken into consideration prior to a decision being reached on this planning application. Meakstown Community Council are happy to attend/engage on any further consultations or meetings on this facility.

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