Our Ref: ABP-301908-18 P.A.Reg.Ref:

Your Ref:



Orla O'Kane and Others 29 Chalfont Avenue Malahide Co. Dublin

9th 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 & Newtown, Fingal County & Dublin

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.

Kieran Somers

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GIANT SEWAGE PLANT WITH OUTFLOW PIPE NEAR IRELAND'S EYE

TO: The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902.

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October 17, 2018

RE: OBJECTION TO GDD PLANNING APPLICATION PLO6F.301908

Dear Secretary,

We the undersigned are writing to add to our objections of August 16, 2018, and September 17, 2018, to the above referenced proposed Greater Dublin Drainage Sewage Plant in north Dublin, with outflow pipe near Ireland's Eye, Portmarnock Beach, Co. Dublin.

Our additional objections and submissions are as follows:

Irish Water has bypassed the local Council and made its application for the sewage plant directly to An Bord Pleanála. It claims it can do this under the terms of the Strategic Infrastructure Development provision of the 2007 Act. This allows applications to bypass the Council and apply directly to An Bord Pleanála if the application meets one or more of the following:

- Is of strategic economic or social importance to the State or the region in which it would be situated,
- Would contribute substantially to the fulfillment of any of the objectives of the National Planning Framework or in any regional spatial and economic strategy in respect of the area or areas in which the development would be situated,
- Would have a significant effect on the area of more than one planning authority.

We strongly believe the Irish Water application does not meet any of these criteria and should be rejected by An Bord Pleanála on that basis.

In addition, we are gravely concerned at the threats posed by the plant to Baldoyle Bay and estuary, which is protected under EU legal directives as a Special Protected Area (SPA) for birds within Ireland, the status of which is overseen by our National Parks & Wildlife Service. In view of this:

(1) Has Irish Water informed the National Parks & Wildlife Service about its Monster Sewage Plant for the area before applying to An Bord Pleanála?

(2) If the National Parks & Wildlife Service is aware of the proposed plant, has it sought legal advice on its legal responsibilities regarding the health the risks posed by the plant to the Special Protected Area?

(3) Has An Bord Pleanála requested Irish Water to carry out studies on the impact of the plant on Baldoyle Bay's Special Protected Area?

Since Irish Water failed originally to provide key documents with its Environmental Impact Assessment report, how can it be trusted anywhere near Ireland's environmental heritage, especially Ireland's Eye and Portmarnock-Malahide-Baldoyle Bay. This unique environmental heritage belongs to the Irish people, in particular to our local communities, and must not be endangered. Once damaged this unique environment can never be properly restored. Likewise, the grave threats this plant poses to our health and the economic well being of our area could be catastrophic. We strongly urge An Bord Pleanála, therefore, to reject this proposed plant in order to safeguard the rights of our communities and to protect the health of our families.

Yours sincerely,

Bette Browne, 15 Island View, Malahide, Co Dublin Maureen O'Toole, 13 Marian Park, Baldoyle, Co Dublin Orla O'Kane, 29 Chalfont Avenue, Malahide, Co. Dublin. Anna Browne, 15 Island View, Malahide, Co Dublin. Caroline Tuohy, 46 Island View, Malahide, Co. Dublin. Mary Webberley, 462 Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. David and Louise Webberley, 16 Kelly's Bay Drive, Skerries, Co. Dublin. Brian Webberley, Ridgewood, Swords, Co. Dublin. Maryjane and Alan Collins, 10 The Court, Robswall, Malahide, Co. Dublin. Thomas O'Connor, 6 Carrickhill Rise, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. Aengus and Ali O'Hanlon, 15 Strandmill Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. Brenda and Peter Furey, 33 Island View, Malahide, Co. Dublin.

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