

Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



Anthony Doyle
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Date: 22 August 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 Sir

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. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

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 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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An Bord Pleanála
64 Malborough Street
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16th August 2018



Re: Greater Dublin Drainage Project consisting of a new waste water treatment plant, sludge hub centre, orbital sewer, outfall pipe line and regional biosolids storage facility.

Case No. 301908

Case Ref 06F.PC01522



To whom it may concern

The proposed sewerage plant mentioned above is now in the final phase of planning. I confirm that I object to the above proposed project and location. I enclose the fee of €50.00 with this letter. The objections are outlined below.

The sheer scale of this project is overwhelming. There was a total lack of transparency and public consultation for a project this large. The 7 week statutory public consultation

from June to August, in the middle of people's holidays and politicians holidays, is too short.

The traffic disruption in all the areas during construction will be unbearable. Also if the plants open, the increase volume of traffic for the operational purpose of the sites will impact local areas.

The giant waste water treatment plant proposed location in Clonsaugh, in the middle of a residential area which houses over 2,500 families, will have consequences on public health and the environment. The giant plant will be located on low lying land. It will be able to treat water up to half a million people. If there is a failure in operation, be it mechanical, electrical, human error or extreme weather conditions, the overall impact would be catastrophic for the people in the area and the environment. There is a high potential for an overflow disaster.

Little or no consideration is being given to people living near the plant. Odour from such a facility can be unpleasant and unhealthy. Yes, every design consideration is being implemented, but ask the residents in Ringsend, who live close to a giant waste water plant, design considerations don't always work. The Ringsend plant was forced to operate above its design capacity, which caused pollution problems for the local environment.

A very large capital fund is required for the build project. This is all good, everything built to the highest spec. But once built, when it comes to the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the plant there will be cost cutting. I have seen

it on too many sites, like the Malahide WWTP, the Swords WWTP and the Skerries WWTP. Great capital expense to build but maintained poorly due to budget restraints.

The planned location on the N32 is between two hotels which are less than 3 km apart. This will affect tourism.

Most concerning is the outflow pipe from the giant waste water treatment plant. This will dump it's load just 2 km off the coast near Irelands Eye. How long will it be before this pipe leaks? With tidal and sea level changes, there is great concern for our North Dublin Bay and our beaches. Blue flag status will become a thing of the past.

The proposed giant plant is too large. A series of small localised plants would be far less damaging to the environment and is considered best practice internationally.

I would ask An Bord Pleanála to review this proposal again in light of the issues and concerns highlighted.

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