

Our Ref: ABP-301908-18

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Your Ref: Aulden Grange Residents Association



Sharon Mooney
97 Aulden Grange
Santry
Dublin 9

Date: 23 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 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. 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,

Kieran Somers
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-873 7107

The Secretary,

An Bord Pleanála,

64 Marlborough Street,

Dublin 1,

D01 V902

Ref: PLO6F 301908

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Fee: €50 Cash
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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 Clonshaugh (Ref: 06F PC0152).

While we recognise the need to improve Ireland's wastewater network, we have serious concerns about the choice of Clonshaugh for this site.

The site is in very close proximity to large housing estates and there are hundreds of homes within less than 1km of the site.

We believe that there will be significant disruption caused during the construction phase which will include traffic problems and significant numbers of truck movements.

When the plant is in operation we have major concerns about odour from the site in the local area which will undoubtedly have a significant effect on quality of life for residents and on businesses in the local area.

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 months there have been issues regarding water quality, and it is likely that this plant would deteriorate bathing water quality in the bay even further.

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 and contains many large colonies of gulls, gannets and razorbills. It is also home to breeding pairs of puffins, a bird classified as a vulnerable species and which is highly susceptible to marine pollution. 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 in such close proximity to a major seabird colony runs contrary to this 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.

Regards,

Aulden Grange residents Association,

c/o Sharon Mooney

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