

Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



Barbra and Niall Connolly  
9 Clonshaugh Heights  
Clonshaugh  
Dublin 17

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 Sir / 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](http://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,  
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16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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Received: 17/8/18  
Fee: €50 - Cash  
Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_

To whom it may concern,

The proposed sewage plant mentioned above is now in the final phase of planning. We confirm that we object to the above proposed project and location.

We enclose the €50.00 fee with this letter and our objections are listed below:

- 1) We note from the public and stakeholders participation report there was only one meeting held with the Clonshaugh residents and this was the initial phase on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014. There have been no further meetings and this is outrageous considering we would be major stakeholders as the plant will be positioned only 300 metres from the nearest house.
- 2) We also note that from this participation report that a public information evening was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November in Northern cross for residents yet no local people seem to be aware of this. Where was the notification posted for this?
- 3) The location for this development is totally unsuitable as it is agricultural site and given its close proximity to such a densely populated areas and new developments. A water treatment plant of this size has the potential to seriously injure the amenities of the residents living close to this plant and outfall pipes. The proposed site for this plant is much too close to the residential area, schools, hotels, businesses and local parks that would be used by young and old with football pitches, pitch and putt, playgrounds to name only a few of the facilities.
- 4) There is also a large amount of wildlife in this area and Priorwood park and this plant will seriously affect the birds and wildlife of this agricultural area. This includes squirrels, badgers, hares and brent geese and these geese are protected under Irish and most importantly EU law, this area is a migration flight path for these geese.

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- 5) Portmarnock beach is the only blue flag beach near us and of historical importance and the pollution at this beach will have it destroyed. The release of raw sewage through the marine outfall pipe is a real possibility.
- 6) It was announced in 2015 that the entire Dublin Bay was designated as a Unesco Biosphere in order to protect its ecosystem. This designation took place after the site was selected in Clonsaugh and where the outpipes would run for this plant. Richard Bruton said in June 2015 that he hoped Dublin bays new status would act as a status for tourism and unique wildlife and this plant could potentially ruin this.
- 7) We as local residents will suffer constant and ongoing noise and odour pollution as a result of the operation of the plant. It is a major worry to us, having regard to what the residents living beside the Ringsend plant had to endure despite assurances given to them previously. Odour will be inevitable regardless of the measures put in place. We can already smell coffee from Bewleys and we will have to smell Shit too. The residents in Ringsend also stated that there is a major issue with flies. So with bad smells and fly infestations our kids, grandchildren won't be able to play out anymore and we won't even be able to open a window in our homes, do gardening, have barbeques to name but a few things that will change in our homes. Would you want this in your home??? Surely not!
- 8) With the size and height of this planned plant it will be visually obtrusive.
- 9) Sewage should be treated as close as possible to the source of its production and this will be treating sewage coming from parts of Meath and Kildare and it would be preferable to provide smaller treatment plants to avoid the possibility of a major environmental disaster.
- 10) This constitutes a public health threat to us as residents living in the area given the detrimental affect the operation of the plant will have on our air quality.

We would ask that An Bord Pleanala to review this proposal again in light of the issues and concerns highlighted above.

Yours sincerely

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