

Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



An
Bord
Pleanála

Breda Doyle
4 Clonshaugh Meadow
Clonshaugh
Dublin 17

Date: 21st 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
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14th August 2018

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TIME <u>12.15</u>	BY <u>Handl.</u>
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PL <u>DG-00718-18</u>	

AN BORD PLEANALA	
Received:	<u>17/8/18</u>
Fee:	<u>€50 - Cash</u>
Receipt No:	

REF: ABP301908-18 Great Dublin Drainage project in Clonshaugh

Dear Sir / Madam,

We Breda and Noel Doyle of 4 Clonshaugh Meadow Dublin 17 wish to strongly object to the building of the sewage plant Great Dublin Drainage in Clonshaugh.

We enclose my fee of €50.00

We have lived here in Clonshaugh for 43 years and the Belcamp / Priorswood Park is right beside us. The park is the only thing that separates our home and the homes of many of our neighbours from the site of the proposed sewage plant.

Just two minutes from our house we have St Thomas's school in one direction. In the other direction again not two minutes from our door is St Francis Junior and Senior National Schools Priorswood. A further five minutes down the road we have another two schools in Darndale. There is also a health centre in Darndale.

All of our children are so precious to us; they do not deserve to be exposed to the health dangers that this proposed plant will bring. They have a right to go out to play in their schoolyards and at home and breathe in fresh air.

There is a nursing home in Northern Cross, Care Choice and another nursing home Anovocare in Baskin Lane. These are situated one each end of the proposed site. The staff at both nursing homes were so shocked to hear about the plans this week from the local people, they said they were unaware of the submitted plans and the objection date. Another place which will be negatively impacted by this plant is St Michaels House which is on the R139 directly across the road from where the plant is proposed. We also have settled travellers who have lived in the area for years and are based on the R139. Again, how are the elderly, the disabled and the people who care for them supposed to work or live in such an environment and why should they have to. There are other alternatives further North in Fingal where this plant could be built where it will not impose on so many people.

The businesses in the area and the hotels were such a joy to see coming into the community. Over the years we have not had great things put here as it is an area Dublin City Council have used to put eye sores or other things they hoped would go away. They told us over 20 years ago that this would stop but not only has that not happened but it now looks like Fingal County Council has joined in, we feel helpless and caught in the middle. Pawn to be sacrificed.

A great number of residents in this area already have respiratory problems including myself. We feel this is due to the aviation fumes from over the years. Planes take off and land either over Belcamp Park or our homes every 90 seconds. The main flight path is directly over the site for the proposed plant. Can you imagine the noise pollution, aviation fumes and a sewage plant together? It is not fair to expect people to live with this twenty four hours a day 7 days a week.

Although Irish Water say there will be no odour from the plant, they also confirmed they will vent the plant numerous times a day to release the build-up of gases. We think it is quite obvious that there will be an odour released along with the gases. No amount of filters or buffers is going to control the smell from a plant that is four times bigger than Croke Park. Smaller plants like the ones based in Swords and Balbriggan have ongoing problems with odours and leaks so how Irish Water thinks they can control such a huge plant when they cannot control smaller ones is beyond me.

Irish Water is currently facing 12 cases by the Environment Protection Agency and has already been taken to court 16 times previously due to untreated sewage. This is documented in the Irish Examiner February 2018. Please see link below,

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/irish-water-facing-12-cases-against-it-by-epa-466892.html>

We have come out of our homes to help each other in times of need or support but this time it's different. This time we are up against a faceless enemy that hides behind a wall of paper. If we do on a rare chance get to talk to anyone we receive different answers or sometimes no answers at all and this is on so called information days. How can Irish Water have information days when they have no information to give you?

Over the years we have put a lot of money into our home and we thought that at this stage of our retired life we would be able to enjoy our homes and family, not have this awful worry and stress put upon us. We feel Irish Water is trampling on us.

Irish Water is run with tax payer's money. It's ironic that we are helping pay to build something that we don't want or use and will scourge us for the rest of our days.

We cannot understand how Irish Water seems to think that it is acceptable to build such a huge plant so close to a residential area.

I hope before An Bord Pleanála comes to a decision one of your members will come out and visit our residential areas in Clonsaugh, Newbury, Belcamp, Moatview and Darndale. We are a working class area and we feel that Irish Water is taking an unfair advantage by selecting this site. We feel that they are aware we are not in a position to fight back financially.

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You are our last chance. The last chance we have to keep our community alive and not see our neighbours who we have lived with for decades move out and have little chance of someone wanting to move in with this sewage plant in the area. We don't want to become a deserted community to have only the old who cannot move or the young who cannot afford to leave left behind. We have put our heart and soul into this community and it shows everywhere down to the smallest touch of teenagers being able to name their neighbours.

Our community has spirit and we hope that you can help us save it.

Thank you

Regards

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