Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



An Bord Pleanála

Emma Kavanagh 4 Clonshaugh Court 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,

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<u>Re: Greater Dublin Drainage Project</u> (consisting of new wastewater treatment plant, sludge hub centre, orbital sewer, outfall pipeline and regional bio-solids storage facility.)

Case Reference: PL06F.301908-18

To whom it may concern,

We, the residents of Clonshaugh Court, are writing to you regarding the proposed sewage plant mentioned above which we believe is now in the final phase of the planning process. We would like to state our strongest objection this project and its location. Please find enclosed the fee of ϵ 50.00 required to register our objection. The reasons for our objection are as follows;

1) Location

As we understand it, this is an agricultural site and therefore totally unsuitable for such a development given its close proximity to densely populated residential areas such as Clonshaugh, Priorswood and Darndale, as well as the new residential estates under construction in the surrounding areas. A Treatment Plant on the scale of this has the potential to have serious negative impacts on the residents and amenities of these estates, not least of which will be the rise in noise pollution both during construction and the during the proposed operational phase. The site is also close to many businesses and parklands that are used on a daily basis by local residents. A plant on the scale of this poses a serious threat to health & safety, environmental risk and threat to wildlife in these public amenities.

In addition to this, the plant would bring and an unmanageable amount of traffic disruption to the area during the construction phase and after. This would create a serious threat to the safety of the children living and playing in the area due to the heavy lorry type vehicles the plant would inevitably bring to the area.

2) <u>Odour</u>

A major concern is the inevitable odour that the plant would produce. We reference the problems with foul smells encountered by the residents living in the vicinity of the Ringsend Plant, despite assurances regarding odour suppression measures. We would also point out that the Bewleys Coffee factory emits an odour that can be identified by residents within a several mile radius and therefore we believe this would also be the case for the much worse odours coming from a plant such as this.

3) Pollution

We believe that a plant of this size and scale poses a genuine and distinct threat to the air quality of the surrounding areas, both from accident or systems failure and through normal operation of the plant. We have grave concerns regarding the routine release of gases and the possibility of the deliberate release of raw sewage through the outflow pipe into Dublin Bay which was designated a Biosphere in order to protect its sensitive ecosystem. We would like to point out that this designation took place *after* the site was selected for development.

We are vehemently opposed to the principal of large scale Regional Waste Water Treatment Plants such as this, and believe that smaller, localised plants are more sustainable environmentally and are more respectful of needs of the local residents. By its nature sewerage should be treated as close as possible to the source of its production and therefore it would be more preferable to provide multiple, smaller treatment plants that pose less of a risk and to avoid the possibility of major environmental disasters. We believe this proposal to be contrary to proper planning and development, and constitutes a real and substantial health risk to the people in the surrounding areas.

We request that An Bord Pleanala review this proposed project again in light of the issues and concerns we have raised.

Finally, given the scale of opposition to this proposed development and the complexity of the issues raised, we are requesting an oral hearing so that these concerns can be dealt with in public. We look forward to hearing your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Kavanagh Vanessa O Keeffe Georgina Fedigan Patrick Dawson Edward Mitchell

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