



Finian McGrath TD  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
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Date: 22nd 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](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,

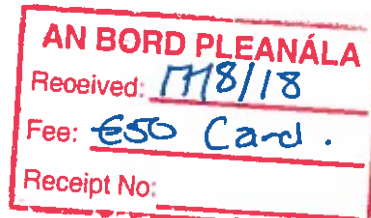
Kieran Somers  
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By Hand.

## Submission to An Bord Pleanála by Finan McGrath TD & Cllr Damian O'Farrell

Strategic Infrastructure Development Submission  
An Bord Pleanála  
64, Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

13<sup>th</sup> August 2018



**RE: SID Application reference no. 06F.PC0152 Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant at Clonshaugh Dublin 17**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are vehemently opposed to this proposal and given its scale, complexity and impact we are requesting an oral hearing in public.

### Location

The proposed location is directly adjacent to densely populated areas including Priorswood, Darndale and Clonshaugh as well as Clongriffin, Clarehall and Belmayne. This proposed waste water / sewage plant will seriously impact and injure the residential amenities in this area. The plant will also have a detrimental effect on the much used Priorswood Park.

### Odour

Odour will be inevitable and we believe design elements to counter act this are wholly inadequate. The residential area as well as several kilometres surrounding will be impacted by odour. This is distinctly the case with the Ringsend plant despite assurances to the contrary.

### Pollution

After the Clonshaugh site was identified Dublin Bay including Bull Island was designated as a Biosphere and its ecosystem is protected. Dublin Bay and its seaward buffer zones including Portmarnock Strand, Baldoyle Estuary, Malahide Estuary will all be negatively impacted. There are also Designated Shellfish Waters at Balbriggan, Skerries and Malahide and these will also be negatively impacted.

Again despite assurances raw sewage has been released into Dublin Bay and only this mid-summer a 2km stretch of Dollymount Beach was contaminated with human faeces and used toilet paper.

Furthermore this large scale sewage plant will have a negative impact on the wild life and bird population in this an agricultural area.

### Construction

We are concerned as to the impact the construction element will have on the local area including noise and traffic disruption. There are minor roads in this area (Baskin Lane /

Clonsaugh Road) which are unsuitable for construction traffic. Also the construction of the outflow pipes will bring major traffic disruption to the area particularly Malahide Road. We feel the proposal falls far short in effectively dealing with this issue.

Traffic

Again, we feel that the traffic impact on the area including construction traffic and then day to day operation traffic will have a very negative impact on the area.

Noise

Again, we feel that the day to day operational noise will have a very negative impact on the area particularly as the location is densely populated.

Treatment

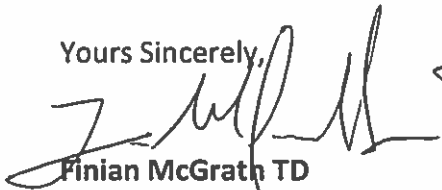
We don't believe that the treatment of sewage particularly secondary treatment is adequate

Visual Aspect

The plant will be visually obtrusive and overbearing and not suitable for its location.

We believe in the principle of much smaller sewage plants which are located closer to the source of the waste and are also aware of the environmental threat that a malfunction at a large site can cause. It is also not fair or just that a sewage treatment plant on such a scale and treating sewage for a different area/population is being imposed on this densely populated area. We are very much not in favour of this plant and request that you take into account our concerns and those of local residents who are strongly opposed to this infrastructural development.

Yours Sincerely,



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