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An
Bord
Pleanála

Miriam Kelly & Siobhán Daly
28 Riverside Crescent
Clonshaugh
Dublin 17

Date: 16th 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,

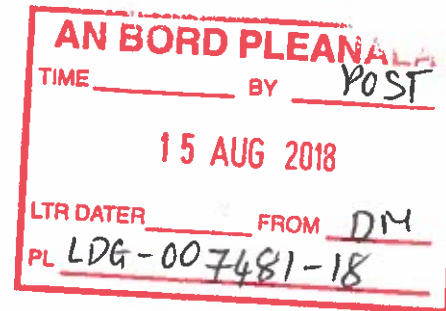
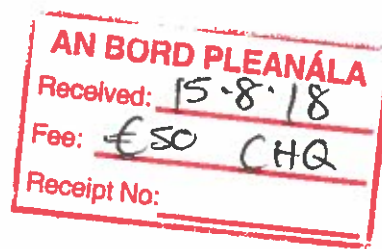
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We wish to lodge an appeal against the proposed sewage treatment plant in Clonshaugh under the following grounds

Part of the site to be developed with the monster plant had been identified as prime development land pre the economic crash in 2009. It was proposed to develop with three further hotels along the route of the N32 between the Clayton Hotel formerly Bewley's and the Hilton hotel on the crossroads of the N32 and Malahide Road junction. Incorporated in this was the further development of the site for high density housing and some light industry. The site is prime as it borders Dublin City Council lands completely from top to bottom.

The hotels that were to be developed are situated in a prime developement area due to their close proximity to Dublin Airport and Dublin City. From all you hear on radio and read in newspapers today we still do not have near to enough hotel beds in Dublin City and currently many hotels who extended rooms to rent to Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council during the recession have now removed them as an option to Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council for housing homeless people.

The footprint of this build being four times the size of Croke Park and 65 foot will not only rob the area of any chance of further development and employment in the hotel area, it will also remove the possibility of housing as no one will choose to live next to the Sewage Plant. Many of our residents were brought to Shanganagh Sewage treatment plant to ally their fears of this plant and odours that would be omitted. They all agreed there is NO comparison, as Shanganagh is tiny in comparison. We can smell the aroma of coffee production at times from Bewleys which would be miniscule in comparison to the proposed Sewage Plant and the smells that will be released when the plant is in full operation.

Sewerage from Kildare, Clonee, Dunboyne, Trim, Dunshaughlin, Rathoath, Ashbourne, James Connolly Memorial Hospital Blanchardstown and some parts of Dublin will be pumped into Clonshaugh. No homes from our area or surrounding will be serviced by this plant. Minimal jobs will be created as the majority of the plant will be computerised. We as a community, if this goes ahead, stand to gain nothing.

Some of the land needed to construct this Sewage Plant will also have to be Compulsory Purchased from a local farmer who will be put out of business. This really is green fields gone forever and demonstrates the ambiguity of Fingal Council to protecting the green belt. There have been many

other sites identified for this development but because of protest and lobbying their politicians, their interjection has helped it being moved to Clonsaugh (only a very small portion of Clonsaugh Lands are in Fingal). Twenty five thousand residents are under the jurisdiction of Dublin City Council but the other sites not chosen were under Fingal County Council e.g. Lusk and Rush who managed to get it moved from their locality yet it is to service their area.

Vents will be opened to release gases at different times of the day, and this Sewage Plant will be over 4 times the size of Croke Park, the most 'state of the art' facilities could not guarantee to be completely odourless.

The day the plant opens, 13 tanker trucks will be delivering sewerage from septic tanks from homes and businesses that are not on the piped system to the sludge hub, this will increase to 26 per day by the end of the first month. This number is likely to increase as removing sewage from septic tanks is becoming big business all over the country and we are sure that Fingal County Council have identified a lucrative area for further development. When asked this question at many meetings we have attended the answer has always been 'We don't know'. It doesn't take a genius to work out the development potential. All of this is coming up the N32/R139. When they are transferring raw sewerage into the hub sewerage particles will naturally be released and become airborne which will make the smell in the area even worse, not to mention we will be inhaling it.

Waste will be pumped into the Irish Sea through Baldoyle and Portmarnock to Ireland's Eye, approx. 6 miles from the shore. Waste will only be second grade treated, which is a basic treatment one step away from raw sewerage.

Finally, we feel it is very disingenuous of Fingal County Council to suggest placing this plant RIGHT ON THE BORDER OF TWO COUNCILS, its proposed construction is next to GAA and soccer playing fields both adjacent and across the N32 in Dublin City Council area, the Travelling Community have Halting sites directly adjacent to the site and LARGE one across the N32 beside the proposed site.

We sincerely hope that those making a decision on this build will visit the site and the other nine sites that were identified for this build and make a truly impartial decision regarding this application which should be refused.

On Behalf of the Riverside Residents Association

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