

Our Ref: ABP-301908-18



An
Bord
Pleanála

Terri Gray & Paul Burke
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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 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.

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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Executive Officer
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An Bord Pleanála
64 Malborough Street
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16th August 2018

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Received: <u>17/8/18</u>	TIME <u>12.15</u> BY <u>Hand</u>
Fee: <u>€ 50 Cash</u>	17 AUG 2018
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To whom it may concern

The proposed sewage plant mentioned above is now in the final phase of planning. I confirm that I object to the above proposed project and location. I enclose the fee of €50.00 with this letter. The objections are listed below:

Environmental

The waste from this plant will be put out to sea off Portmarnock and Ireland's eye. Portmarnock beach is a blue flag beach the only one on the northside of the city. It has significant historical interest as the first east-west transatlantic flight took place there. If this plant fails the risk to this beautiful beach is significant. The Irish Examiner reported on the 23rd March 2017:

Irish Water were fined 19,500.00 by the Environmental Protection Agency for 11 breaches in 4 different waste water facilities, yet this new plant will be much bigger and the risk much greater.

Are there emergency protocols in place if the plant fails? How are local residents protected?

On the 13th August I sent an email to Irish Water and asked what grade the treated sewage will be when it is discharged into the sea? The response was that

'The exact details regarding the design of the proposed project and processes to be used are not confirmed at this stage'

As this is this a large scale project and the environment and sea life should be a priority and all processes confirmed at this point?

Consultation

19th November 2014

I note from the Public and Stakeholder Participation Report there was only one meeting held with the Clonsaugh residents and this was in the initial phase on the 19th November 2014. There have been no further meetings and we would be a major stakeholder as the plant will be positioned only 300 meters to the nearest house. The proposed site for this plant is much too close to the residential area, schools, hotels and other local amenities.

29th November 2017

Also in the Public and Stakeholder Participation Report it notes a public information evening was held on 29th November in Northern Cross for Clonsaugh residents, yet no local people seem to know anything about this. Where was the notification posted for this? How many people attended this session? Are the recorded minutes? The consultation with areas further

away from the plant seems to be much more extensive e.g. Howth, Baldoyle and Portmarnock, with several meeting with interested parties, yet it is proposed to build it 300 meters from our housing estate. The size of the plant is 13,200 square meters, how can this be deemed best practice to build it so close to a residential area? Belcamp Manor is a new housing estate being built and this will be 800 meters from the plant.

Environmental issues

The odour and gases which will be omitted from this plant is a big concern to us. There is a considerable amount of green fields in the proposed site, so we cannot understand why it has not moved further back from the road and away from Clonshaugh and Newbury. Is there a holding tank and how much does this hold? Will the odour from the plant be monitored? Should odours persist will the residents be compensated? All these issues should have been addressed directly with the residents.

I would ask that An Bord Pleanála to review this proposal again in light of the issues and concerns highlighted.

Yours sincerely



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