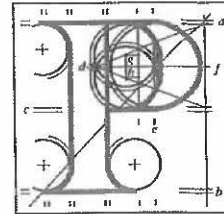


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Development Applications Unit
The Manager
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Government Offices
Newtown Road, Wexford
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Date: 22nd December 2022

Re: Proposed development of a Circular Economy Campus and an Integrated Waste Management Facility at the Hollywood Landfill
Hollywood Great, Nag's Head, Naul, Co. Dublin, A41 YE92

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this 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 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.

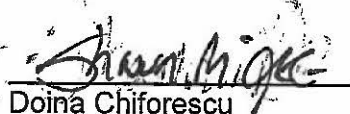
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Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



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Sent: Thursday 15 December 2022 12:28
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Subject: Your Ref: ABP-314964-22 Our Ref: SID-DF-2022-016
Attachments: ABP-314964-22.pdf

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A Chara,

Attached please find the nature conservation observations/recommendations of the Department in relation to the aforementioned SID application.

Can you please confirm receipt of same?

Kind Regards,
Sinéad

Sinéad O' Brien
Executive Officer

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Your Ref: ABP-314964-22
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(Please quote in all related correspondence)

14 December 2023

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Via email to sids@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID): SID application for a Circular Economy Campus and an Integrated Waste Management Facility at Hollywood Great, Nag's Head, Naul, County Dublin

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I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are nature conservation observations/recommendations of the Department.

Nature Conservation

Several issues arise in relation to the present application from a nature conservation perspective. The Ballough Stream forms the northern boundary of the site of the proposed development. This water course is one of the headwater streams of a river catchment that eventually discharges into the head of the Rogerstown Estuary which is both a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Area (SPA). Given this hydrological link between the development site and these European sites and the character of the processes it is proposed to undertake there under the permission requested, the disposal of non-biodegradable non-hazardous and inert waste and recycling of certain materials, the risk obviously arises of pollutants being mobilised from the development site into surface water runoff and adversely affecting biota in the Ballough Stream and downstream waterbodies including the Rogerstown Estuary European sites. However, various measures are set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) supporting this application to avoid such mobilisation of pollution from the development site occurring during both the construction and operational phases of the proposed development. These measures, if implemented in full, should prevent pollution arising from the proposed



development and adversely affecting downstream biota and habitats including the Rogerstown Estuary SAC and Rogerstown Estuary SPA.

Similarly, as it is proposed to accept the invasive plant species Japanese knotweed and knotweed contaminated soil material for disposal on the site, the possibility arises, if the methodology proposed for the disposal of Japanese knotweed *Fallopia japonica* and knotweed contaminated material is not diligently followed, that the site could be a source for the spread of this invasive species. Again, with due diligence and adherence the methodology proposed for the disposal of the Japanese knotweed and knotweed containing material brought onto the site, any risk of the spread of this species should be avoided.

In recent decades when the development site was worked as an active quarry, it was colonised by the peregrine falcon, a species listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive (2009/147 EC), and a pair of these birds regularly nested on the cliffs which had been created by the quarrying operations. When in 2019 a previous application was made for the disposal of waste by the infilling of the quarry, the applicant was therefore requested to submit a Peregrine Falcon Management Plan for the site. This plan was prepared and submitted and included provision of a nest box for the falcons on the south east part of the site to replace the nest site the peregrines had been using in a depression in the cliff in the south west of the site which was threatened by the infilling of the quarry. The provision of an alternate nest site in the vicinity of the development site was also proposed if infill eventually made the quarry un-useable for the falcons. In addition monitoring of the usage of the development site by peregrines, including any nesting, was provided for in the plan, and the submission of annual reports in relation to the usage of the site by these birds to the Fingal County Council Biodiversity Officer and the local National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Conservation Ranger. It is not clear whether such reports have in practice actually been submitted to these individuals, but according to the EIAR and NIS survey work carried out in 2022 no nesting by peregrines was found on the development site.

Recommendations

In light of the above it is therefore recommended that any planning permission granted in response to the present application should incorporate conditions requiring strict adherence to the methodologies proposed for the disposal and recycling of waste materials on the site proposed in the documentation supporting this application. All mitigation measures proposed in the EIAR and NIS to avoid the mobilisation of pollutants from the site shall be implemented in full, and the careful disposal of Japanese knotweed and Japanese knotweed contaminated soil by the proposed methodology enjoined in particular.

It should also be a condition of any such permission granted, that prior to the 2023 peregrine falcon breeding season. i.e. before the end of February 2023, a new amended Peregrine Falcon Management Plan for the development site shall be submitted to Fingal County Council Biodiversity Officer for his written agreement; this plan to include details of the usage of the development site since 2019, such as which nest sites were used by the peregrines, and to set out a definite time line for the provision of an artificial nest site suitable for use by



peregrine falcons in 2023 and future years in or near the vicinity of the development site, and to provide for the annual monitoring of the nesting of these birds in or near the vicinity of the site over the 25 year lifespan of the permission sought for the site, and the submission of reports with regards to the nesting performance of the peregrines at the end of each breeding season before the end of August to the Fingal County Council Biodiversity Officer and local NPWS Conservation Ranger.

Reason

To conserve a species, namely peregrine falcon, listed in Annex 1 of the Birds Directive (2009/147 EC) as a nesting species in or in the vicinity of the development site.

In the event that additional heritage-related observations become available before the deadline date, a further letter will issue.

You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@npws.gov.ie, or to the following address:

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Sullivan', is written above a horizontal line.

Julie Sullivan
Assistant Principal
Development Applications Unit
Administration