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Memorandum
ABP-318180-23

Mr Buckley
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Area Co-ordinator for
Recommendation on O.H

14/11/23

To: Bronwyn Byrne, Senior Executive Officer
From: Patrick Buckley, Executive Officer
Re: Construction of data centre and associated site works. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been submitted to the planning authority with the planning application.
Cruiserath Road, Dublin 15.
Date: 13th November 2023

On 4th October 2023, the Board received a third party appeal from John Conway and Louth Environmental Group against the Fingal County Council decision reg.ref: FW22A/0308 to grant permission for the above proposed development subject to 24 conditions. The appeal was circulated to Fingal County Council and to the Applicant on 9th October 2023.

Further appeals were submitted by Colin Doyle, Jerry MacEivilly, Dr. Sarah Zimmerman, and Mannix Coyne. The last appeal was submitted on 13th October 2023.

Oral Hearing

A request for an Oral Hearing was made by Jerry MacEivilly (pink OH form attached)

EIAR

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was submitted with the application. An EIAR Recommendations – EIAR submitted form (green) attached.

EPA

The Notices accompanying the application include the following statement “an EPA Industrial Emissions Directive license (IED) has been applied for to facilitate the operation of the proposed development”.

An Industrial Emissions (IE) license application was made by Amazon Data Services Ireland Limited (Register No: P1182-01) on 19th April 2022 for an installation located at Cruiserath Road, Dublin 15.

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It is recommended that the EPA be consulted for their observations in relation to this case (see draft letter attached). Inspector to advise on particulars of the letter.

This case is considered high priority. The grounds of appeal include the following:

1. The proposed development is inconsistent with proper planning and sustainable development.
2. The decision of Fingal County Council is contrary to Section 15 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act, 2015 (as amended).
3. The proposed development will have a negative impact on climate.
4. The development will require more energy than what could be provided by renewable energy sources and will require energy generated from fossil fuels.
5. The development will connect to the national grid and draw a large amount of energy.

The statutory time period for the submission of observations expired on 9th November 2023. Two observations have been received to date from DAA and from Martin Knox.

The statutory time period for the submission of responses to the appeals expired on 13th November 2023. The Applicant's response to the appeals was received on 6th November 2023. *The Planning Authority's response was received on 8th November 2023*

Consideration of submissions/observations in accordance with Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) should be deferred until a decision has been made in relation to an Oral Hearing.

File herewith for comments.