

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

Meath County Council

In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Knockharley Landfill Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the following proposed development to the existing Knockharley Landfill (developed and operated pursuant to grants of permission by Meath County Council under Planning Register Reference Nos. 01/5006 (An Bord Pleanála Reference No. PL.17.125891), NA60336 (An Bord Pleanála Reference No. PL.17.220331), and An Bord Pleanála under reference Nos. PL.17.PA0009, PL.17.PA0019, PA17.303211 and ABP-32169-25). The proposed development comprises further development within the existing Knockharley Landfill on this site of c. 135 ha in the townlands of Knockharley, Flemingstown and Tuiterath Navan, Co. Meath.

The proposed development is a project of the type that would exceed the threshold set out in paragraph 3 – Environmental Infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

The development will consist of:

- a. The expansion of the existing landfill facility through the construction of additional engineered landfill cells providing 4.12 million m³ of active void space for landfilling. The completed cells will be progressively ‘capped’ with soil, to a final post settlement contour height of 85 mOD aligning with the existing permitted maximum post settlement contour height of the active landfill.
- b. The diversion of the Knockharley Stream and the establishment of a new culvert along part of the diversion to facilitate access over the stream.
- c. The relocation of the existing 220 kV overhead ESB powerlines that traverse the western boundary of the existing landfill cells to realign the overhead lines within the wider site boundary. The relocation works will include the decommissioning and removal of the 3 no. existing 220 kV transmission towers and construction of 7 no. new 220 kV towers. The new towers will range from approximately 21 m to 26 m, in height.
- d. An increase in the capacity of the existing southern attenuation pond by approximately 5,812 m³.
- e. Additional Leachate management facilities including pumps, containerised Reverse Osmosis plant units, concrete bunded slabs and additional storage tanks.
- f. Extension to/provision of infrastructure, including access roads, power, drainage, gas, telemetry, and all associated and ancillary works necessary to facilitate the proposed development.
- g. The felling of approximately 15 ha of commercial broadleaf and coniferous forestry to the west, north, east, and south of the site to facilitate the expanded landfill void and the construction of screening berms.
- h. Construction of screening berms up to a maximum height of 79 m AOD at the western, northern, eastern, and southern boundaries of the proposed landfill void. The proposed berm strategy includes amendments to the permitted western berm profile and part of the permitted eastern berm profile to a range in height from between c. 6m – 14m, which is permitted to a maximum height of 10 m under the site’s extant planning permission (ABP Ref. 303211). A new berm ranging in height from c.10m – 14m is proposed to the north of the proposed landfill void.
- i. Planting of c. 9 ha of native woodland ; and
- j. On completion of the above works, the provision of ‘aftercare’ works comprising the removal of redundant facility infrastructure, site landscaping, and all works related to environmental management and monitoring.

The footprint of the proposed landfilled expansion area is approximately 17.68 ha. The additional engineered landfill cells will extend the operational capacity (i.e acceptance of waste for landfilling) of the overall landfill. There will be no increase to the site’s permitted annual acceptance (as permitted by An Bord Pleanála under reference Nos. PA17.303211 and ABP-32169-25) which shall not exceed 440,000 tonnes per annum, comprising up to 435,000 tonnes per annum of non-hazardous waste and 5,000 tonnes per annum of stable non-reactive hazardous waste. It is proposed to accept waste until the landfill cells are full.

The application relates to development that comprises or is for the purposes of an activity requiring an Industrial Emissions Directive Licence. The facility operates under an IE licence (No. W0146-04) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This application for permission is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The planning application, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement prepared in respect of the proposed development, may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy) during the public opening hours for a period of at least 8 weeks commencing 19th December 2025 at the following locations:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1; and
- The offices of Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, County Meath.

The planning application may also be viewed/downloaded at the following website once the application is lodged.

www.knockharleylandfillsid.ie

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (“the Commission”), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above mentioned seven weeks relating to:

- I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;
- II. The likely effects on the environment of the Proposed Development; and
- III. the likely significant effects of the proposed development on the integrity of a European Site if carried out.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Commission not later than 5.30pm on 12th February 2026 (As required by Section 251 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)). Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission/observation, the name of the person acting on his/her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
- The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulation 2001 (as amended) refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission. Submissions that do not require a fee, can be made by hand, post, or email to laps@pleanala.ie. Submissions that require a fee can be made by hand, post, or by the Commissions online strategic infrastructure development submission portal: <https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation>

The Commission may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see: “A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development” on the Commission’s website (www.pleanala.ie).)

The Commission may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the Proposed Development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the Proposed Development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind); or
- b) refuse to grant the permission.

A decision to grant permission under paragraph (a)(i), (ii) or (iii) may be subject to or without condition.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

Any person may question the validity of any such decision of the Commission by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading ‘information on cases/weekly lists – Judicial Review of Planning Decisions’ on the Commission’s website, www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.



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