

Our Case Number: ACP-323977-25



**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Office of Public Works
Jonathan Swift Street
Trim
Co. Meath
C15 NX36

Date: 08 May 2026

Re: The proposed expansion of the existing landfill facility at the existing Knockharley Landfill in the townlands of Knockharley, Flemingstown and Tuiterrath Navan, Co. Meath

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received a direct planning application for approval from Knockharley Landfill Limited, care of Tom Phillips Associates, with regard to the above-mentioned proposed development under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The Commission understands that notice of the making of this application was issued to your offices by the applicant, by letter dated 15th December 2025 (copy of letter enclosed for your reference). As stated in this letter, the planning application documents can be accessed through the applicant's website: www.knockharleylandfillsid.ie. Please be advised that the application documents can also be accessed on the Commission's website through the following link: <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/323977>.

In accordance with Article 213 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2000, as amended, you are requested to make observations in relation to the proposed development. An observation to the Commission should relate to:

- (iii) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development and
- (iv) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out.

Please note that An Coimisiún Pleanála following its consideration of the application can decide to:

- a) grant the permission/approval, or
- b) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/ approval with regard to the proposed development as so modified, or
- c) grant permission/approval with regard to part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- d) refuse to grant the permission/approval.

Any observations to the Commission should be made within 2 weeks of the date of this letter. **Your response should be made to the Commission on or before 21st May 2026.**

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If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Coimisiún

Yours faithfully,



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15 December 2025

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: SID APPLICATION, CONTAINING AN EIAR, FOR A PROPOSED EXPANSION OF KNOCKHARLEY LANDFILL, NAVAN, CO. MEATH

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Knockharley landfill Ltd.¹ has retained Tom Phillips + Associates (Town Planning Consultants)², to issue, to prescribed bodies listed by An Coimisiún Pleanála in its Pre-Planning Closure Letter dated 13 October 2025 (Ref. ABP-321572-25), copies of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application in relation to a proposed development at the existing Knockharley Landfill.

The subject development comprises an increase to the landfill area by approximately 17.68 ha, which will provide approximately 4.12 million m³ of void space (3.32 million m³ of additional constructed void space with further void space of 807,000 m³ for the 'Piggyback Cell') for the continued disposal of waste.

Ireland faces significant challenges in responding to mounting pressure on its waste management infrastructure. If left unaddressed, this pressure could lead to serious consequences, including ultimately the non-collection of municipal waste. Provision of waste collection services and well-engineered waste management capacity is essential to avoid contamination of water, soil, and air, the proliferation of life-threatening diseases, disruption of critical infrastructure, and the visible decline of urban and rural landscapes.

Key reports such as the *Mid-Term Evaluation of the National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2021–2027 (2024)* and the *Circular Economy and Waste Statistics Highlights Report 2021 (2022)* underscore these challenges and identify that Ireland's transition to a circular economy is faltering.

This letter is provided in accordance with ACP's direction to notify the prescribed bodies.

¹ 24 Ballymount Road Upper, Dublin 24.

² 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02 F449.



2.0 CONCLUSION AND PLANNING PROCEDURE

The application comprises, *inter alia*:

- Statutory particulars including cover letter, application form, copies of notices, lists of prescribed bodies.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report.
- AA Screening/NIS.
- Planning Report/Cover Letter.
- Planning Application drawings.

The planning application contents can be accessed at the following website: www.knockharleylandfillsid.ie

An Coimisiún Pleanála may grant permission for the strategic infrastructure development as proposed; or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision; or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision; or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Coimisiún Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate. Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (“the Commission”), 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 during the eight-week consultation period (commencing 19th December 2025 and ending 12th February 2026) 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). Such submissions/observations must also include the following:

- I. 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;
- II. The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- III. The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission. Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the SID Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

We endeavored to make contact with you requesting whether you would accept an electronic copy. Due to the extent of documentation submitted (over 2,000 pages) and the number of prescribed bodies listed, and due to the nature of the development (a waste landfill), we have tried to limit the amount of printing requirements in the interests of the environment and sustainability.



As such, please find enclosed at www.knockharleylandfillsid.ie, an electronic copy of all planning documentation submitted. We will also issue to you, by post, an electronic CD copy in due course. Should you require a hard copy of the application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

Brian Minogue
Associate
Tom Phillips + Associates