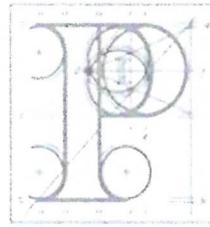


Our Case Number: ACP-323977-25



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Kentstown Village Park CLG
c/o Paschal Marry
Ballymagarvey
Balrath
Navan
Co. Meath
C15 WT32

Date: 03 February 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 your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Commission 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 the local authority and at the offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála when they have been processed by the Commission.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Commission's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission. Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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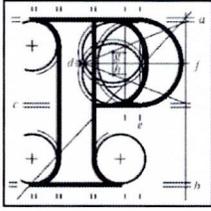
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Kentstown Village Park CLG
C/O Paschal Marry

(b) Observer's postal address

Ballymagarvey, Balrath, Navan, Co. Meath C15WT32

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

Case Reference PA17.323977

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Knockharley Landfill Limited

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Knockharley,
Flemingstown and Tuiterrath,
Navan, Co Meath

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

Submission to: An Coimisún Pleanála

Date: 12/01/2026

Case Reference PA17.323977

Applicant; Knockharley Landfill Limited
Knockharley,
Flemingstown and Tuiterrath,
Navan, Co Meath

From: Kentstown Village Park CLG

(An attached sheet contains the signatures of Directors and Members of KVP CLG who are active volunteers in Kentstown Village Park i.e. the undersigned in the text)

Contact Person: Paschal Marry, Board Chairperson
Ballymagarvey, Balrath, Navan, Co. Meath C15WT32
ballymagarvey50@gmail.com, 0877977611

To Whom it May Concern,

In 2006, Community Representatives in the area surrounding the Knockharley Landfill were nominated by local organisations and clubs to represent our community on the Knockharley Landfill Community Liaison Committee. The committee was formed in accordance with an Bord Pleanála's planning conditions in respect of the Knockharley Landfill facility. The purpose of the committee was to identify environmental community projects and works, via an annual grants scheme and to assess applications received from groups and organisations for funding of projects that "mitigate the impact" of the facility on our local community.

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To assess the needs within our community, the local area representatives on the Liaison Committee carried out a comprehensive survey of households, clubs and community organisations in 2008. The following points were summarised from all the surveys returned,

- 1 The community was unanimous that the fund be used to finance a major community facility that would balance the huge effects the landfill would have on the community. There would be environmental effects specifically odour and dust from the landfill itself and the traffic transporting waste to and from the facility. The visual effect of mount/hill that would be created by the waste and the effects of the increased traffic in the area. Additionally, the concern that the landfill could have an effect on the health of the public living close to the landfill and the local school children. The survey requested a “Park” facility with sports amenities, walking track and a meeting space to cater for all demographic groups within the locality.
- 2 The major project should not monopolise the entire fund. Some funds should be allocated annually for small group projects and for individual residents who may require grants for projects to mitigate the impact of the Landfill.
- 3 The Community project must allocate funds for the professional management of the facilities. They must be run efficiently and effectively.
- 4 The project should not encourage or lead to an increase in antisocial behaviour.
- 5 The project is required “now” and therefore expedience should be exercised by all concerned to bring it to reality as soon as possible.
- 6 There was an overwhelming resounding of support for the committee and what we were trying to achieve.

In May of 2008, the Liaison Committee ring fenced 75% of the fund for a major project in line with the findings of the survey. A committee was formed (the majority of the undersigned below are original committee members) to begin the process of achieving the goals of the survey.

Presently, in 2026 with a 19 strong voluntary committee (undersigned) the aims and dreams of the community in 2008 are a

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reality. Using the ring-fenced funds the committee purchased land, designed the park, obtained planning permission, tendered for a contractor and built Kentstown Village Park as it is today. To ensure openness, disclosure and traceability the committee reformed as a company, Kentstown Village Park Company Limited Guarantee, with Directors and Members, incorporated on the 19th November 2013. The Park is governed by the company, KVPCLG on behalf of the community.

The Park is open nearly 5 years and is entirely run voluntarily by the undersigned. All professional services, like financial, engineering architectural, legal etc. are provided free of charge. Additionally, all management, operational, logistical and functional daily operations are provided by the membership who are unpaid. While it is impossible to quantify precisely the number of hours each of the undersigned give to the park daily, we can very comfortably estimate there are up to sixty hours weekly spent in a voluntary capacity working in the park. This is the equivalent to €43,680 annually at the national minimum wage.

The current liabilities of the park are covered by the income received by renting out the all-weather facilities, community hub and green pitches. The Knockharley Environmental Community Grant Scheme covers capital expenditure and a portion of the auditing fees and insurance costs, the current expenditure contribution will cease in 2027.

As reported in our annual company accounts the business is currently viable but the Park relies heavily on volunteers and capital investment from the Knockharley Environmental Community Grant Scheme. The Park needs further capital investment in its infrastructure and landscape to service the needs of a growing community. More importantly the pitches both natural and artificial depreciate/wear with time and will need investment shortly to maintain a working standard.

In 2006, the Knockharley Environmental Community Grant Scheme was funded by the High Court agreement levy of €1.89 placed on every ton of waste disposed/deposited in the landfill. Unfortunately, the levy value was not index linked in 2006. This levy is not a contribution by the landfill owners but a charge on those companies who use the landfill. As part of the last planning application by the Landfill owners, the levy agreement of €1.89 per ton was replaced

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by a financial agreement between the Landfill owners and Meath County council in consultation with the Liaison committee. The amount agreed three years ago is far less than the €1.89 per ton but was agreed as the company complained the levy was too high and due to harsh financial conditions and competition in the market it was struggling to survive,

In the original planning application, the life term of the landfill was 20 years and by the mid-2020's the landfill should have been complete and all cells filled and covered with a minimum of operation at the facility.

We the undersigned wish to make the following submission to the current planning application.

Firstly, the company who owns the landfill recently purchased the company for approximately one billion euro so any discussion on the financial viability of the facility is delusionary.

Secondly, the suggestion that the planning application is not going to increase the present tonnage is a smoke screen. Whilst the annual tonnage will not increase, the lifespan of the landfill is been extended by 15 years. If the original life span was 20 years and now the application is for a further 15 years this would imply a 75% increase of tonnage overall!

Thirdly, the facility has now constructed a new waste separation operation. It imports incinerated waste of which 30% is reusable metal waste and the remaining inert material is deposited /disposed of in the facility. This material will probably be used in the future as a component in the construction industry or road building when approved. Therefore, this inert waste will be removed in due course which has its own environmental effects like odour, dust, noise and traffic. This facility is unique in the country and must be highly profitable.

Kentstown Village Park CLG are very grateful to date for the funds from the Knockharley Environmental Community Grant Scheme. It has provided a wonderful amenity for the people of Kentstown and the surrounds. One has only to visit the Park at any time to see the visitors using the facilities. Every family in the community uses the park at some stage in some way so it has had a positive impact and does mitigate against the effects of the landfill. The population of

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the village and locality of Kentstown has grown in past 20 years and continues to grow. Currently, 38 new houses in a new estate behind the Park are for sale. The increased population drives further demand for facilities in the Park.

Going forward we think it would be very unequitable if the landfill were to be granted planning permission for a further 15 years without a structured benefit to the community.

The issue of the definition of waste should be settled in the planning conditions. A community levy should be applied to all waste, as all waste has an equal effect on the community whether it is odour, dust, traffic congestion, visual or other. Waste should be defined as the product that is quantified at the weight bridge. It is the belief of the undersigned that a resolution of definition of waste as before would resolve the historical anomaly that exists at the moment.

Finally, the future of Kentstown Village Park is positive, and although we the undersigned are now nearly twenty years older and a little less energetic our dedication is solid. We are very conscious the facilities in the park will need upgrading and further facilities are required in line with the growing population.

If a new grant scheme is incorporated into the new planning conditions, we would wish that provision be included to assist with annual current liabilities in the park i.e. running costs

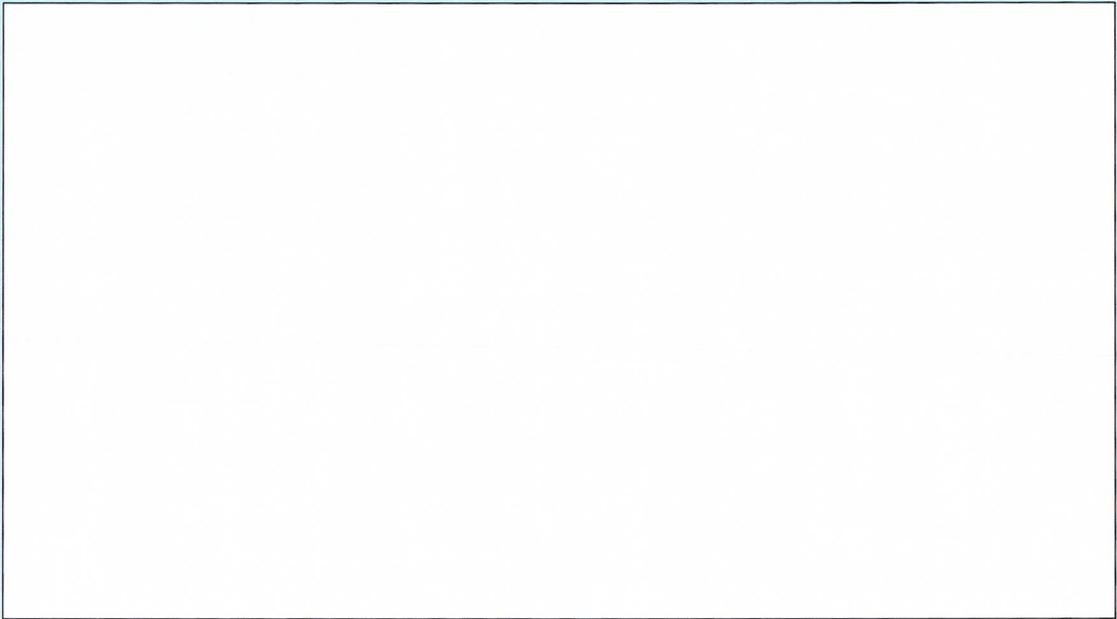
In the absence of the grant scheme, we would have to constrict some facilities, like closing the walking track in non-daylight hours and increase the charges for the rented facilities. To assist with the capital investment, we may have to fundraise in the future.

It would seem very unjust that the population of Kentstown would be forced to fundraise for an amenity when a very successfully, very profitable facility which has caused and is causing such an environmental impact on the community is not mitigated. We can state with definite certainty that the community of Kentstown would be extremely unhappy if a financial contribution from the Landfill to the Park is not include in the conditions of planning.

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Claire Barry	<u>Claire O'Pascall Barry</u>
Niall Sheridan	<u>Niall Sheridan</u>
Tony Corbally	<u>Tony Corbally</u>

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Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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