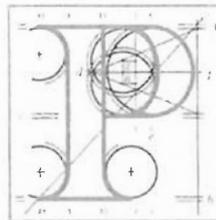


**Our Case Number:** ACP-323977-25



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Patrick Lawlor  
Brownstown  
Navan  
Co. Meath  
C15 V82F

**Date:** 25 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](http://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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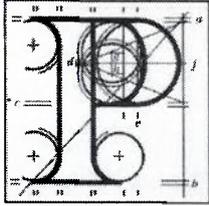
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An Bord Pleanála

# Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA  
 LDG- 086307-26  
 ACP- \_\_\_\_\_  
 22 JAN 2026  
 Fee: € 50 Type: Chq  
 By: Reg post

## 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

(b) Observer's postal address

## 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

(b) Agent's postal address

## 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)

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

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING LANDFILL FACILITY AT  
THE EXISTING KNOCKHARLEY LANDFILL

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

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

KNOCKHARLEY , FLEMINGSTOWN AND  
TUITERATH, 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).

To Whom it concerns.

I live in very close proximity to this dump and have represented my local community on this issue for twenty five years now.

When this facility was first mooted around the year 2000 there was understandably extreme concern expressed by the people living close to it.

We proceeded to an oral hearing initiated by Bord Pleanala.

At this hearing we were absolutely assured by Darragh Lynott (the chairman) that we had nothing to worry about, he assured us that,

1/ This facility will be so well ran we will not even know it is there.

Well this was a lie, the malodours coming from this was so intense that on occasions residents had to leave their dwellings in the night to avoid illness.

2 /When BP granted them their license, some locals sought a judicial review of the decision.

As part of this High Court settlement ( Record No.2003/335 J R) 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2003

In condition 5 it was directed the company was to pay 1.89 euro per ton per annum for every ton disposed of at the site, into a fund administered by Meath Council to fund environmental projects in the local area as a form of compensation for having the dump imposed on them.

This fund has been continually short changed by the company with the aid of Meath co co.

## 5. Grounds

When the new licence was granted in April 2021 we were told basically that the payments would continue as previous even though the tonnages increased dramatically.

They have sought to continue a flawed payment calculation that is in direct contravention of The High Court Settlement.

At this point I reckon the community fund has been left short a sum of between 3 and 5 million euro.

3/ Darragh Lynott absolutely assured this community that this dump would be filled and sealed by 2020. Another lie.

As you can see the history of this dump has been a series of lies and deception and not even willing to adhere to High Court Directives

The scale of the activity on this site today bears no resemblance to what was granted in 2021. Yet the contribution to the community is fund less.

Given that the company gets paid for every ton coming in to site and is now recycling a substantial tonnage and gets paid again on the way out, I feel it is time to have a serious review of the contribution to the community fund.

I feel the volumes of traffic with increased tonnage plus the traffic taking away the recycled material is causing problems locally.

The height of the facility now to accommodate this increased tonnage has not been adequately assessed, particularly for residents living to the east of the dump their skyline has been altered forever all they see now is a mound of rubbish.

These are my observations I would ask you to consider as you make a determination on this application.

**5. Grounds**

Respectfully yours

Patrick Lawlor.

## 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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**Notes**