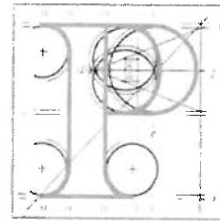


Our Case Number: ACP-324447-26



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Damian Wilkinson
9 The Glen
Mortarstown
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R93f5h0

Date: 17 September 2026

Re: Proposed Upgrades to the Mortarstown Wastewater Treatment Plant and Kilkenny Road Pumping Station
Carlow, County Carlow

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 inspection on the Commission's website at the following link: <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/324447>

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.

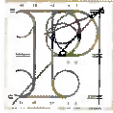
Yours faithfully,


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SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board
Member

Date

Date

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a local resident in The Glen for 25 years. I have issue with the development's location on the site plan, especially the sludge handling area for the following reasons,

The existing sludge processing area is too close to the northeast fence; this is an issue as wind travels in this direction and the Glen residential estate area where I reside is approximately 60 meters from this fence downwind.

Management of the plant has poor communication and accountability to nearby residents, this is not acceptable, therefore this will only become worse after this large upgrade.

There have been numerous complaints lodged about this sludge/ sewage processing unit for over 20 years to no avail. Which has not been addressed in this application

On a previous occasion when I had an arranged site visit, due to a complaint made of the plant leaving 2x20ton uncovered trailers full of sludge for 4 days minimum uncovered in the summer at the northern fence area. I noted that this area was meters below the ground level on the plant side of the fence therefore emitting odours close to ground level on the other side of the northeast fence where the sludge/sewage unit is, this I believe does not allow proper dispersion of the odour from this area,

As such I would like to draw your attention to submitted documents in the planning application;

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) volume 3, part 1 of 2, 7.1, 3, 3.1, Odour Management Plan, this states that consideration should be given to moving odour generating activities. These should be moved as far away from residential areas as possible. By leaving the sludge/ sewage import / export facility in the same location this has not been given consideration in the planning and needs to be moved to the other side of the plant site.

I would also draw attention to the fact that the north fence line is adjacent to the new Carlow relief road proposal, therefore exposing the public walking, driving and cycling

only a couple of meters along this fence line and exposed to unacceptable odours, this has not been addressed in this application as far as I can determine.

I believe the use of 3d visualisation is misrepresenting the planning application as it masks the true proximity of the Northeast fence boundary to the Glen estate and other residents close to this boundary, as such I believe this is misleading to anyone looking at this planning application.

I attended the public information event held in 2025 and made all these concerns to the hosts of the event, this being the first opportunity offered to express them. However, I believe they did not give any meaningful consideration to these issues.

Also there does not seem to be a plan to screen heavy metals, Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), microplastics, pharmaceuticals etc. from the sludge/sewage that is given by the plant to local farmers for use as a fertilizer. This is a health concern all residents in Carlow

I would ask An Bord Pleanála to consider these observations and to reject the current planning application until the right corrections are made by the applicant.

Thank you