

PLANNING

APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR SUBSTITUTE CONSENT We, Saint Margarets Recycling & Transfer Centre Limited, intend to apply for substitute consent for development at this site, Sandyhill, St. Margaret's, Co. Dublin. K67 EW73. Permission is sought for the retention of - (1) Existing buildings, plant and machinery and their use associated with the daily operations of the waste recycling and transfer facility. Existing development includes that previously permitted under Reg. Ref's. F13A/0409, F11A/0443, F10A/0177, F03A/1561, F03A/1682 and F97A/0109, and specifically comprises - a. Prefabricated cabins (2no.) 177 sqm. - comprising ancillary offices, staff facilities, control room; b. Prefabricated w/c and Steel Container (store) 29 sqm; c. recycling and transfer/Industrial buildings 1917 sqm; d. Weighbridge; and e. Machinery comprising hammermill, shredders, bailers, tilters, forklifts, grabbers, et al. (2) Existing Infrastructure, ancillary and enabling works, comprising amendments to site access and boundary arrangements including dust mitigation measures, enhanced access and gateway, above and below ground surface water drainage, proprietary wastewater treatment plant, fire water storage and retention, attenuation and storage tanks, truck and vehicle parking. Works/Infrastructure the subject of retention includes those constructed under Reg. Ref's. F13A/0409, F11A/0443, F10A/0177, F03A/1561, F03A/1682 and F97A/0109. (3) The enlargement of the site for waste transfer and recycling purposes, including an Authorised Treatment Facility for End-of-Life Vehicles, increasing the site size from 0.6ha (permitted under F97A/0109) to 1.75ha; comprising the area of an enhanced site access and that of the proprietary wastewater treatment system and percolation areas and the 1.6ha associated with the current waste permit and includes the installation of an impermeable reinforced concrete slab surface throughout, and underground surface water drainage system throughout. (4) The historic use (c.2009 to 2023) of lands comprising 1.2 ha to the east of the licenced 'waste transfer and recycling centre', surfaced with compacted hardcore and used for the temporary storage of vehicles, plant and machinery associated with the waste recycling activity. (5) Historic use of the 1.6 ha of the site, as a waste transfer and recycling centre and an Authorised Treatment Facility for End-of-Life Vehicles, in particular during the period 2019 to 2023, where waste throughput at the facility rose from 26,000 to 42,500 tonnes per annum, and which was carried out without the benefit of planning permission. (6) Retention of the on-going use of the existing metal processing and transfer facility with waste throughput at the facility to accept up to 21,900 tonnes per annum (in line with waste permit) for the bulking, transfer and recycling of metals, construction and demolition waste, bulky/skip waste, batteries, wood waste, glass, other non-biodegradable non-hazardous wastes, and an Authorised Treatment Facility for end-of-life vehicles from January 2024 to date of application decision. (7) Existing mitigation measures introduced up to 2023, include - a. Change in operating regime from 1997 permission, to introduce a permanent restriction on acceptance of raw material to licensed waste collectors and trade/construction companies, with associated ban on acceptance of material from members of the public, ban on sale of material to members of the public. b. Enhancement of surface water drainage systems, fire prevention and firewater retention measures, dust suppression, etc. c. Enhancement of access arrangements and maintenance of sightlines at gateway onto the R122 St Margarets Road in compliance with the appropriate design standards. d. Upgrade of septic tank to proprietary wastewater treatment system. e. Erection of/ replacement of dust netting as required at site boundaries, where applicable. (8) Proposed Mitigation measures include the restoration of 1.1 ha of compacted hardcore surfaced lands to grassland or wildflower meadow, and to include agricultural haul roads/tracks to serve adjacent agricultural lands, generally in compliance with conditions 3 and 6 of F13A/0409. The application is accompanied by a remedial Environmental Impact Assessment Report and remedial Natura impact statement. Submissions or observations may be made on the application, to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, www.pleanala.ie without charge. Submissions or observations must be in writing and made within the period of 8 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by An Bord Pleanála and such submissions and observations will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application. An Bord Pleanála may grant the consent subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant it. The application for consent may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of An Bord Pleanála, or Fingal County Council during its public opening hours.

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RACING

HILL BACK ON TRACK

Henderson happy with Constitution

BY DAVID YATES
CONSTITUTION HILL is "absolutely 100 per cent" after the setback that ruled him out of the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle last Saturday.

Nicky Henderson's star, whose unbeaten run of eight includes a victory in the 2023 Champion Hurdle, was last seen when landing the Grade One Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park last Boxing Day, having been ruled out of his title defence at Cheltenham by a virus.

A comeback at Gosforth Park was shelved after Constitution Hill suffered from lameness – vets diagnosed bruising in a pastern – in the wake of a lacklustre gallop at Newbury 11 days before his planned return.

The setback threatened to rule out a bid for a Christmas Hurdle hat-trick, but Henderson reported yesterday: "He's coming along well."

"He wasn't hopping lame – he was lame for a couple of days after that gallop – but he's absolutely 100 per cent now.

"We're getting there – he's going to have a gallop at the weekend," added the Seven Barrows trainer, whose seven-year-old is William Hill's 7-2 second favourite to get his Champion Hurdle crown back.

In Constitution Hill's absence, Sir Gino was re-routed from an intended chase debut to post an impressive Fighting Fifth Hurdle success.

But Henderson and Sir Gino's owners, Joe and Marie Donnelly, have yet to reach a decision as to whether last season's top juvenile hurdler will stay over timber or tackle fences.



RARING TO GO Constitution Hill is over his recent setback

"We've got to keep all options open as far as everybody's concerned, I'm afraid – that's the only way," said Henderson.

Meanwhile, Jonbon will face a maximum of seven rivals when he bids for back-to-back victories in the Betfair Tingle Creek at Sandown on Saturday.

Nicky Henderson's star chaser was a decisive winner of the Grade One contest 12 months ago and will be a warm order to successfully defend his title after winning Cheltenham's Shloer Chase for the second successive season in mid-November.

He is likely to renew rivalry with the runner-up in that Grade Two contest, Harry Fry's Boothill, as well as the third-placed Edwardstone, who claimed the

2022 Tingle Creek for Alan King and finished best of the rest behind Jonbon last term.

Henry de Bromhead's Quilixios is a major contender from Ireland after comfortably beating Marine Nationale on his reappearance at Naas, while Joseph O'Brien could send Solness.

Joe Tizzard's Haldon Gold Cup hero JPR One, Dan Skelton's Unexpected Party and the Nigel Twiston-Davies-trained Master Chewy complete the potential field, with the latter expected to improve for his comeback run when fourth in a valuable handicap at Ascot a month ago.

SANDOWN PARK is "on weather watch" as a result of an unsettled forecast for the Tingle Creek Chase card.



CHANCE Quilixios trainer Henry de Bromhead

Quilixios is Sizing up well

BY MOLLY HUNTER
THIRTEEN years on from the success of the hugely popular Sizing Europe, Quilixios will bid to provide Henry de Bromhead with a second victory in the Betfair Tingle Creek on Saturday. Sizing Europe was the reigning Queen Mother Champion Chase hero when justifying favouritism at Sandown in 2013.

And while Quilixios has not yet managed to scale those heights over fences, he could hardly have been more impressive on his reappearance at Naas last month.

The 2021 Triumph Hurdle winner missed the entirety of the 2022/23 campaign through injury and results were mixed after his return last season, with wins at Limerick and Naas followed by disappointing efforts in the Arkle at Cheltenham and a Grade One at Aintree.

However, he showed his true colours when leading Marine Nationale a merry dance in the Grade Three Barberstown Castle Chase in early November, teeing him up perfectly for this weekend's feature event.

"He seems in great form and we're looking forward to going over," De Bromhead said on Tuesday.

"He's got good form on everything. I was probably a little bit concerned about the better ground at Naas the other day, but he seemed to handle that really well, and he won a good race at Naas back in January on very testing ground, so I think he's pretty adaptable."

DUNNE NAMED DRIVER OF THE YEAR

BY JOHN KENNY
ALEX DUNNE has been named as the Motorsport Ireland Press International Driver of the Year for 2024 at the Champions Awards lunch in Dublin.

The 18-year-old from Offaly has been one of Ireland's fastest-rising single-seater racing sports stars over the last few years and is currently part of the McLaren F1 Driver Development Programme.

Dunne has been competing in selected rounds of the FIA International Formula 3 (F3) series in 2024 as he looks to move eventually to the very pinnacle of his sport: Formula One.

Starting karting at the age of 12, the now 18-year-old had 16 race wins across the British, UAE and Italian Formula 4 Championships while racing for Hitech Grand Prix and US Racing.

That form saw Dunne (inset) crowned the 2022 British F4 Champion and Italian F4 Championship vice-champion.

The 2023 campaign saw Dunne as vice-champion in the GB3 Championship with five victories and eight podiums.

In 2024, he was signed up by MP Motorsport to take part in the FIA Formula 3 Championship

alongside two Red Bull starlets, Kacper Sztuka and Tim Tramnitz.

Dunne will continue his development into 2025 with the support of the McLaren Driver Development Programme.

Meanwhile, Wicklow's Max Hart won the Sexton Trophy as the Young Irish Racing Driver of the Year.

Hart took part in the Saloon World TCR series as part of his career progression, which has taken him from his first steps in karting through to the British TCR Championship and on to Asia, where he has raced since the



beginning of 2023.

For the 2024 season, Max signed with the Z-Speed Hyundai team in TCR Asia. History was made in November when he competed in the FIA World Touring Car Championship at the Macau Grand Prix in China.

The 23-year-old Wicklow native became the first driver from Ireland to compete in the TCR World Championship and is part of the Hyundai Driver Programme.

"Racing in FIA World TCR was a dream come true for me," said Hart.

Craig Rahill was also named the Young Rally Driver of the Year.