

Appendix 15.3

Letter from Department of Defence to An Bord Pleanála



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Department of Defence

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Our ref: 0466/2017

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Re: Waste to Energy Facility – Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork

Dear Mr. Doherty,

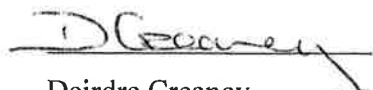
I wish to refer to your correspondence dated 31st May 2017 regarding the specified additional information which the Department received directly from Indaver on 24th May 2017.

The Air Corps has reviewed in detail the significant additional information as submitted to the Department by Indaver in relation to the proposed Waste to Energy Facility. In this context the Air Corps have considered the existing obstacle environment and have advised its observations are not based on the physical obstacle created by the stack but on the specific effects that may result from the plume.

The Air Corps have noted the DBS Consulting Ltd report accurately states (para 6.4) that “*in terms of aviation, the Department of Defence was only concerned with the potential for effects from the plume and the Irish Air Corps considered that the potential for effects from any plume (visible or invisible) could force them to impose a local no-fly restriction around the site with additional restrictions on operations to the naval base. There are no other aviation concerns listed in the first submission from the Department of Defence.*” As identified by Indaver in their covering letter received on 24th May 2017 through the planning process the treatment of the plume has been refined in its successive submissions to An Bord Pleanála.

Accordingly, in order to ensure the safety of its operations, the Air Corps requests that Indaver explicitly state the volume within which all risk to helicopters arising from the exhaust plume is contained (i.e. the distance beyond which a helicopter, in all conditions, may fly without risk from the plume). Should Indaver confirm that this risk will be contained within 150m of the stack then it will not impact on Air Corps operations.

Yours sincerely,


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