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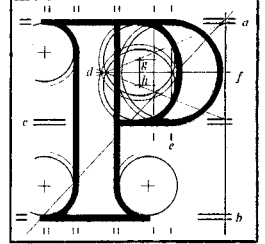
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An Bord Pleanála



Environmental Protection Agency  
P.O. Box 3000  
Johnstown Castle Estate  
County Wexford

DATE: 21 MAR 2005

Re: Proposed extension to the Gortadroma Landfill facility,  
Co. Limerick.

Dear Sir/Madam,

An order has been made by An Bord Pleanála determining the above-mentioned case. A copy of the order is enclosed.

In accordance with section 146(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. In addition, the Board will also make available the Inspector's Report and the Board Direction on the decision on its website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)). This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Nichola McNamee  
Executive Officer

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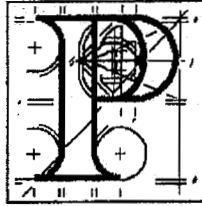
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# An Bord Pleanála



## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2004

### Limerick County Council

**APPLICATION** by Limerick County Council for approval under section 175 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to 2004 in accordance with plans and particulars, including an environmental impact statement, lodged with the Board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2004.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Extension to the Gortadroma Landfill Facility at Gortadroma and Cahernagh, Ballyhahill, County Limerick.

### DECISION

**GRANT approval for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.**

#### Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) national policy in relation to waste management as set out in the document entitled "Changing our Ways" (1998),
- (b) the Limerick County Development Plan 1999,
- (c) the Waste Management Plan for Limerick/Clare/Kerry Region 2001,
- (d) the existing use of lands for landfilling at this location, and
- (e) the character of the landscape in the area

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out in this order and to the extended landfill facility being constructed and operated in accordance with a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency, the proposed development would be a reasonable extension to an existing landfill facility, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience, would not be prejudicial to public health, would not cause injury to the amenities of property in the area, would be in accordance with the

proper planning and sustainable development of the area, and would not result in significant adverse effects on the environment.

### Conditions

1. This approval relates only to 5 cells of the proposed landfill extension. These cells are those indicated as numbers 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11 of Figure 2.2 of volume 2 of the environmental impact statement. No development shall be carried out on the construction of the remaining cells pending a further application and grant of approval for such development.

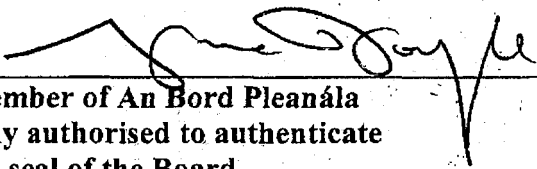
**Reason:** It is considered that inadequate information has been submitted in relation to the depth of peat to be excavated, the extent of dewatering required and the likely impact on groundwater, arising from the development of cells in the southern part of the proposed landfill extension.

2. The removal of topsoil and all excavations during construction works shall be monitored by a qualified archaeologist. A report on the monitoring shall be submitted to the Heritage and Planning Division of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority.

**Reason:** To ensure that all archaeologically important items are located and evaluated.

3. In the event of any source of drinking water for humans or animals being polluted by leachate from the landfill or by any other emission from the landfill facility the local authority shall provide an alternative drinking water supply.

**Reason:** To allow for the continued operation of other land uses in the area.

  
Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005.