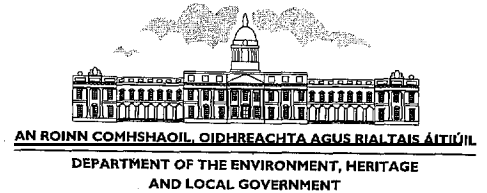
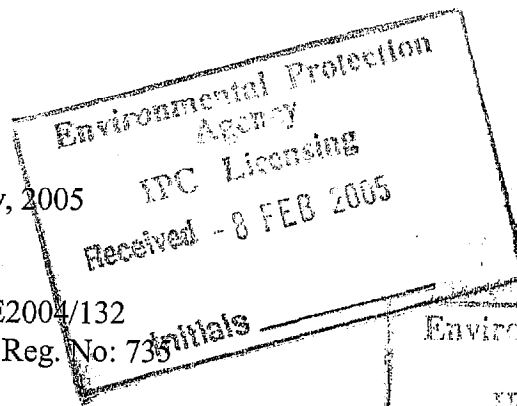


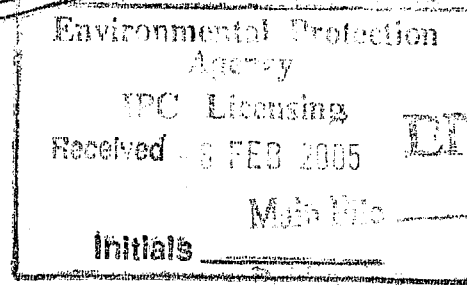
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Your Ref: Reg. No: 735

Ms. Liz Leacy,
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Environmental Protection Agency,
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Johnstown Castle Estate,
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Re: Waste Licence application review in relation to a facility/premises located at Sharragh Pig Unit, Lissernane, Rathcabbin, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Dear Ms. Leacy,

We refer to your letter of 3 December 2004 in relation to the above-mentioned licence application and apologise for the delay in responding. Outlined below are the nature conservation comments/recommendations of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

1. Pig manure shall not be spread on any areas of heath, bog or scrub vegetation within a designated Natural Heritage Area (NHA), and specifically within spread area no. 82 marked in the map in Appendix 2 to Attachment 5 supplied as further information to this application.

Reason: To avoid the risk of damage to habitats within the River Little Brosna Callows NHA site code no. 000564, a site designated, as an NHA under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000.

2. Pig manure shall **not** be spread on any areas liable to flooding within spread area no. 18 (north-west part) marked in the map in Appendix 2 to Attachment 5 supplied as further information to this application, until it has been demonstrated, to the satisfaction of North Tipperary County Council, that there is no risk of nutrient enrichment of groundwater in the vicinity of this spread sub-area.

Reason: To avoid the risk of damage to habitats within the Kilcarren-Firville Bog candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC) site code no. 000647, a site designated as a cSAC under the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997.

3. Pig manure shall not be spread on any areas of Ballymacegan Bog NHA site code no. 000642 within spread area no. 60, marked in the map in Appendix 2 to Attachment 5 supplied as further information to this application

Reason: To avoid the risk of nutrient enrichment of groundwater feeding the flush which forms part of this site, as well as to avoid changes in the vegetation

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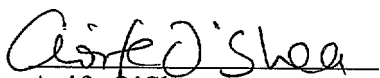


of unimproved wet grassland within the NHA, which is designated as an NHA under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000.

Kindly forward any further information received or in the event of a decision being made a copy of same should be forwarded to the following address as soon as it issues:

The Manager,
Development Applications Unit,
Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government,
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Yours sincerely,



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