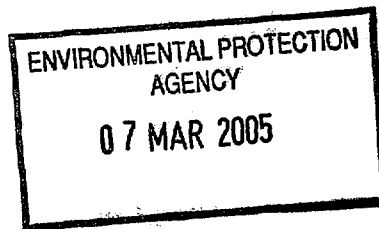
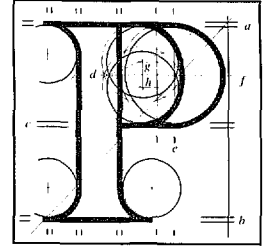


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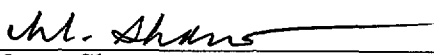
Appeal Re: Composting facility including buildings for waste reception, compost storage areas, car parking, access road, landscaping bunds, walls and fencing.
Pass of Kilbride, Co. Westmeath.

Dear Secretary,

An order has been made by An Bord Pleanála determining the above-mentioned appeal under the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2002. 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 appeal 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 appeal on its website (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.

Yours faithfully,


Maeve Shaw
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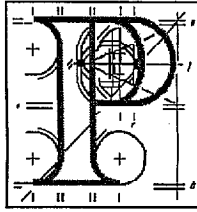
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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2004

Westmeath County

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APPEAL by Thorntons Recycling Centre Limited of Killeen Road, Dublin against the decision made on the 23rd day of September, 2004 by Westmeath County Council to refuse permission.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: A composting facility comprising a 4.8 hectare facility within a 17.5 hectare site. The facility will include buildings for waste reception, in-vessel tunnel composting and biofilter system (maximum height 11 metres); compost screening and maintenance (maximum height 8.5 metres) and an administration building with staff sanitary facilities (maximum height 5.5 metres). External areas will include garden and wood waste reception area and shredding area, aerated floors for composting, compost storage areas, leachate treatment system, surface water management system, proprietary wastewater treatment system for domestic effluent, borehole for water supply, car parking, vehicle cleaning facilities, weighbridge and weighbridge hut, wheelwash, site roads, access road, site entrance, landscaping bunds, walls and fencing. All at Pass of Kilbride, County Westmeath.

DECISION

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The access road which serves this development, being bog rampart for some part, is substandard in terms of width and construction and, notwithstanding proposals to widen that stretch between the site and the N6, and noting the need for continuous maintenance, it is considered that the structure of the road would not be of sufficient strength to carry the types and volumes of traffic which a development of this nature would generate. The proposed development would, therefore, endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Margaret Byrne

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

Dated this 3rd day of March 2005.

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