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Licensing Unit, Environmental Protection Agency, Johnstown, Castle Estate. Wexford.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION **AGENCY**

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RE: Submission concerning Town of Monaghan Co-Op, Ref No. P0815-01 (Presence of Strong Odours in nearby housing estate)

To whom it may concern,

Coolshannagh Walk is a recently constructed housing estate, which is now under the control of Monaghan Town Council and is used for Social Housing. It has been occupied since December 2006 and borders the Town of Monaghan Co-Op property on the edge of Monaghan Town.

It the past number of months there has been reports of strong odours in the estate coming from the direction of the Town of Monaghan Co-Op. Monaghan Town Council are aware that there is a Treatment Works for polluted water within this site. This terminates with Tertiary Treatment at a Reed Bed, which is located close to the estate.

Contact has been made with Pat Byrne (EPA Inspector), who relayed that the Town Of Monaghan Co-Op is currently in the midst of an application process for an EPA Licence Therefore at this stage the only avenue of complaint is to make a submission to the EPA voicing our concerns.

The concern from the residents is that the smell is coming from the reed beds and this may be valid if the said Reed Beds are not being properly maintained. However after consultations, Monaghan Town Council believe that the smell is coming from the on site Treatment Works upstream of the Reed Bed. I would like to pose 2No. questions

Is the Reed Bed being properly maintained by the Monaghan Town Co-Op, if so how often is this the case and is it being carried out to suitable standards?

Are there any measures being taken to reduce the strong odour of the Treatment Works? What is the time frame for the implementation of any such measures?

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Monaghan Town Council hope that the EPA takes on board the above concerns during the preparation of the pending EPA Licence. The odour is quite strong and is making the life of the residents quite uncomfortable so we would appreciate a solution to this problem.

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Yours faithfully

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