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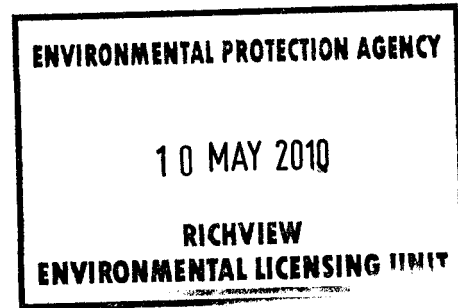
Submission N°6



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Our Ref: E2010/19  
Your Ref: WO271-01

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EPA  
Johnstown Castle Estate  
Co. Wexford



**Re: Waste Licence Application from Greenport Environmental Ltd for facility at  
Foynes, Co. Limerick**

A Chara,

I refer to your recent letter in relation to the above-mentioned development. Outlined below are the nature conservation recommendations of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

This relates to two further information submissions for a Waste Licence application. The site is approximately 100 meters from the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (site code 2165) and approximately 200 meters from the River Shannon Special Protection Area (SPA) (site code 4077).

There are 14 points of Further Information. Three of the points are likely to have some relevance to nature conservation *viz*:

- No. 8: Light lux levels: The EIS states that the original Appropriate Assessment concludes that the lighting will not affect the designated site.
- No. 10: Sanitary effluent: The EIS states that sanitary effluent will discharge to an Envirocare P6 sewage treatment system or equivalent and then will discharge to a neighbouring sewer and discharge to the Estuary at an existing discharge point.
- No.13: Plans of all emission points: Surface water will be piped through a petrol interceptor into an attenuation pond and then discharged to a drain. It is not clear where the drain goes. It is likely that it discharges into the Estuary itself or the back channel near the estuary.



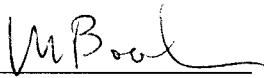
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**Recommendations:**

The proposed sewage treatment system must be adequate to ensure there are no potential effects on water quality in the Lower River Shannon SAC (2165). The site is 100 meters from the SAC and the proposal is to discharge treated sanitary effluent into the estuary.

The proposed surface water treatment system and proposed monitoring must be adequate to ensure there is no potential effects on water quality in the Lower River Shannon SAC (2165). The site is 100 meters from the SAC and the proposal is to discharge surface water following settlement towards the Estuary.

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