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From: Stuart Huskisson
Sent: 05 February 2010 10:43
To: Sonja Smith
Subject: FW: Wastewater treatment plant, Cloughduv, Co. Cork
Attachments: county council letter john o neil.doc

Importance: Low

Hi Sonja,

Please include the attached as a submission on the Cloughduv WWDL application (D0330-01).

Regards
Stuart

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From: Niall Dunne
Sent: 05 February 2010 10:29
To: Stuart Huskisson
Cc: Sean O'Donoghue; John Feehan
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Stuart,

Please find attached the details of the complaint as discussed.

Regards

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From: Ruth Butler
Sent: 27 January 2010 23:28
To: Wexford Receptionist
Subject: Wastewater treatment plant, Cloughduv, Co. Cork

Dear sir/madam,

I have corresponded with the EPA previously regarding the new wastewater treatment plant in Cloughduv, Co. Cork. I was advised to lodge a complaint with Cork County Council regarding the plant, which I have done, but I have not received a satisfactory response. I have attached the last correspondence I had with them regarding it.

I own the cottage adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant, and the nearest open agitation tank is 10 metres from my boundary. This is completely unacceptable as it goes against the EPA guidelines on the matter.

The guidelines say that there should be a buffer zone around a wastewater treatment plant and that "Residential developments should not occur within the buffer zone except in exceptional circumstances and in no case should residential development be undertaken within the distance outlined in Table 4. The minimum distances in Table 4 above may need to be increased where the treatment is particularly noisy and/or prone to odours" (Wastewater Treatment Manuals - Treatment Systems for Small Communities, Business, Leisure Centres and Hotels, pg12) The table 4 referred to shows that the minimum distance for the plant type in Cloughduv should be 50 metres.

These guidelines are stated clearly in their own environmental report by Dixon Brosnan as part of the application process - but it wasn't adhered to. I now have open sewage agitation tanks 10 metres from my boundary, which are much higher than the house itself, which I can't live in now. I would really appreciate some help on how to proceed with this complaint as I have not received any satisfactory response from the County Council. The function of the planning department should be to ensure the orderly development of these plants and to ensure they were placed in a suitable location, and not to show such disregard for the guidelines that are available. I would have hoped they would be working with groups like the EPA and adhering to their guidelines to ensure safe development of these type of plants.

Your sincerely,
Ruth Butler

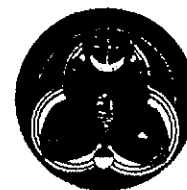
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31st July, 2009.

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RE: Planning Ref. No. 08/8260 – demolition of existing derelict dwelling and construction of dwelling, wastewater treatment unit and associated site works at Coolmucky, Cloughduv.

Dear Ms. Butler,

I write regarding the above and your correspondence pertaining to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Cloughduv.


You applied for permission for a replacement dwelling on your site which abounds a Waste Water Treatment Plant and which was granted permission on 26th September, 2008 in accordance with Paragraph 3.3.19 on Renovation/demolition of Existing Structures in the County Development Plan

Cork County Council advertised the upgrading of the Cloughduv Waste Water Treatment Plant on 1st September, 2006. The latest date for receipt of submissions was 13th October, 2006, under Part 8 Developments Procedure which affords people the opportunity to make submissions in relation to proposed Local Authority developments. It is noted that as part of the Public Consultation process, you did not make a submission.

I note your comments pertaining to separation distances between residential developments and treatment plants. However, there are no legal separation distances defined in legislation pertaining to Waste Water Treatment Plants.

In the circumstances it is a matter for yourself whether you wish to proceed to build under Planning Ref. No. 08/8260.

Yours faithfully,


JOHN O'NEILL
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE

