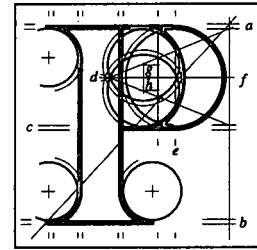


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8th November 2016

**Re:** Proposed waste soils recovery facility and eco-park at  
Pretty Bush, Priestsnewtown townland, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above mentioned application for approval and to your letter dated the 12th October 2016 requesting observations in relation to the above-mentioned application for a waste licence pursuant to the provisions of section 42 of the Waste Management Act, 1996, as inserted by article 7 of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Waste) Regulations 2012. The Board's observations in relation to the above mentioned application are as follows:

There is a live planning application under consideration by An Bord Pleanála (Reference Number: 27.JA0037) which relates to a proposed waste soils recovery facility and eco-park at Pretty Bush, Priestsnewtown Townland, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow. This is generally the same development as that before the Environmental Protection Agency under licence application reference number W0294-01.

The Board is aware that the proposed development is a licensable activity. The Board has consulted with the EPA and requested observations on the application and notes that a response has been received.

In terms of the nature of the development before the Board and

- the source of the material,
- the quantity and type of materials to be managed,
- natural resources used,
- plant to be utilised,
- duration of works, and
- aftercare

the application proposals are as presented in the submissions under the waste licence.

The EPA is advised that the information relating to the EIS on the EPA's website is the same information as in the EIS submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

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The Board notes that there are some differences between the information presented in the EIS and elsewhere in the waste licence application on the EPA's website. These relate to:

- The monitoring locations and frequencies as presented in Table A.2 of the waste licence application and Table 3-3 of the EIS.
- Differences in the phasing of the materials placement - Figure D.2-2 Rev A of the waste licence application and Dwg. LW15-247-01-0100-004Rev A of the EIS.

It is not considered that any significant additional information has been added to date to the original planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála during the planning application process.

Relevant history related to this site is as outlined in section 1.3 of the EIS. The River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme was subject of an application to An Bord Pleanála under reference 39.YA0003.

In accordance with section 171A and section 172 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010, the Board will carry out an environmental impact assessment in respect of the proposed development.

In accordance with section 177U and section 177V of the Planning and Development Act, 2010, the Board will carry out screening for appropriate assessment and/or appropriate assessment as required.

No oral hearing has been conducted by An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed development at this time. The application, if approved by the Board, may be subject to conditions.

The Agency will be notified of the Board's decision in relation to the application.

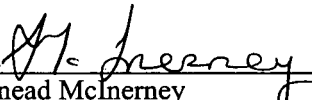
A copy of the EIS is enclosed in C.D. format.

A copy of the Inspector's Report, the Board Direction and the Board Order in relation to the application will be available on the Board's website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) within 3 working days of the Board's decision.

In addition, the complete file will be made available for inspection and purchase at its offices within 3 working days after the case has been determined.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
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