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Ms Dorota Richards, Programme Officer, Environmental Licensing Programme, Office of Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Protection Agency, Co Wexford, PO Box 3000

> 58 Seafield Wickow Town Co Wicklow 23rd Jan 2017

RE: Licence Application NUMBER: W0294-01

W0294-01 Wicklow County Council, Soils Recovery Facility, Townland of Priestsnewtown, County Wicklow

Dear Ms Richards,

wish to object to the licence application by Wicklow Co Council for a soils recovery facility at the Townland of Priestnewtown, Co Wicklow

This site was designated as a protected site in the current County Development Plan and supported by the majority of Wicklow Co Councillors, of which I'm one, who voted on the issue. Therefore no development is allowed at all on this site under the terms of the new County Development Plan.

The site is currently home to a diverse range of animals, birds, trees and plants and is hydrologically connected to the Kilcoole Marshlands (a pHNA) which are connected to the Murrough Wetlands, a special area of conservation and an SPA. These areas could become contaminated if the site at Priestnewtown is allowed to be used as a soils recovery facility.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Kavanagh, Cllr, Wicklow Co Co