



**Your Ref:**

Environmental Protection Agency,  
P.O.Box 3000,  
Public Office Headquarters,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co. Wexford.

20th August 2015

**Appeal**                      **Re:** Demolish 10 pig houses, construct 2 pig houses, extensions to 2 existing structures to form pig house no. 3, ancillary structures on site of existing pig farming enterprise.  
Ardra, Bracknagh, Co. Offaly.

Dear Secretary,

I refer to the above-mentioned proposed development which is the subject of a current planning appeal submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

The planning application, along with other documents relating to the planning authority decision and copies of the appeal made to the Board are available for inspection at the offices of the planning authority in accordance with section 38 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Article 68 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 by contacting their website at [www.offalycoco.ie](http://www.offalycoco.ie). A copy of the environmental impact statement (and natura impact statement) is also available on their website.

In accordance with section 87 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as inserted by Article 5 (1F) of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2012 you are requested to:

- i) Confirm to An Bord Pleanála that the proposed development the subject of the application for permission is development comprising or for the purposes of an activity requiring a licence or a review of a licence on the application, under section 83 or under section 90(1)(b) of the Act.
- ii) If a licence or a review of a licence is required, you are also requested to submit to An Bord Pleanála observations you may have on the application for permission including the environmental impact statement.

In addition, you are requested to make observations in respect of the following specific matters:

The FIS is submitted using a baseline assumption that an increase in scale from 550 sow unit to 1,250 sow unit will not result in a change in slurry volume or consumption (page 34 of FIS). The EPA is requested to confirm if this assumption is considered reasonable and in line with best practice.

Please confirm whether the existing IPPC license for the piggyery was subject to an Appropriate Assessment.

Accordingly, any observations or response in relation to the proposed development should be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than 4 weeks from the date of this request i.e. not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 16th September 2015.

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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Executive Officer

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## **MEMORANDUM TO PROCESSING**

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**File PL93.244907**

**17<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**RE: Demolish 10 pig houses, construct 2 pig houses, etc**

**EPA notification**

**From: Philip Davis. Room 212**

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The proposed development (above) is subject to an IPPC license, and an EIS has been submitted with the application.

Please issue a Section 87 notification to the EPA (EPA Act 1992 as amended). In addition to the standard letter, please add the following specific requests:

The EIS is submitted using a baseline assumption that an increase in scale from a 550 sow unit to a 1,250 sow unit will not result in a change in slurry volume or composition (page 34 of the EIS). The EPA is requested to confirm if this assumption is considered reasonable and in line with best practice.

Please confirm whether the existing IPPC license for the piggery was subject to an Appropriate Assessment.

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