



Your Ref:

Attention of Patrick Doyle,
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Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use,
Environmental Protection Agency,
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Co. Wexford.

10th December 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 have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above-mentioned appeal and your letter dated the 20th November 2015 requesting comments in relation to an application for an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control licence or a review of a licence pursuant to the provisions of section 173A(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as inserted by Article 8 of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2012.

In respect of the Environmental Protection Agency's request for observations and having regard to the specific queries raised in your letter, the Board would wish to comment as follows:

- i) Having carried out an initial inspection of documents on the Agency's website, the Board consider that the activity, subject of the current IPPC licence application, would appear to be (a) the same from that for which planning permission was granted, subject to conditions, by the Board on **15th October 2015** under An Bord Pleanála appeal reference number **PL19.245044**.
- ii) The decision was made by the Board after the carrying out of an environmental impact assessment and the receipt of an Inspector's report on the said case, which includes a section on environmental impact assessment and consideration of key associated issues. The Agency's attention is brought to the issues set out in the Inspector's Report and assessment and the Board's final decision, as set out in the Direction and Order, with particular attention to the Reasons and Considerations and Conditions imposed on the grant of permission.

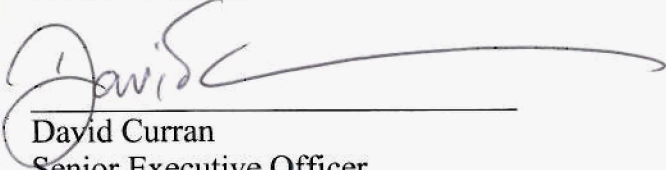


An electronic disc which contains the documentation relating to the file including the EIS is enclosed.

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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