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Manager EPA  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Johnstown Castle Estate  
Co. Wexford

8/5/20

Maryann & Jerry McClenaghan

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Dear EPA Manager

We recently sent you a letter in relation of a submission we made in respect of a licence for Mr Declan Connolly's chicken plant at Dundrumman, Scotstown, Monaghan – EPA Licence Application number:- P1023-02.

You will notice from the attached letter from Monaghan County Council that they are taking no hand, act or part in how this chicken plant is been run

I have again included a copy of the recent letter sent in relation to this.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you in person if at all possible.

Yours Sincerely

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Maryann & Jerry McClenaghan



# Comhairle Contae Mhulneacháin Monaghan County Council

6 May 2020.

**Seán and Jody MacDonagh,  
Derryville  
Monaghan  
Co. Monaghan.**

Accounting Officers  
Shannon Fisheries  
047 305010

Agriculture  
Finance  
047 305010

No. 100000  
Health  
047 305027

CDE as at 01/01/2019  
Register of Electors  
047 305051

Competition  
Environment  
047 9661240

No. 100000  
Arts  
047 305152

General Donorship  
Housing Grants  
047 305027

Teachairt na n-Éireann  
County Library  
047 74700

Motorisation  
Motor Tax  
047 811175

Museum in Clontarf  
County Museum  
047 825020

Finance  
Finance  
047 305022

Postal  
Environment  
047 727118

Highway Development  
Planning  
047 305021

Office of the Mayor  
Local Government  
047 727118

County Museum  
County Museum  
047 825020

Yours faithfully,

**Paul Clifford,**  
Director of Services

**Re: Submission to Environmental Protection Agency on Licence Application at  
Derryville, Eastern, Co. Monaghan.**

**Dear Sir & Madam,**

I refer to the above and acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to the  
County Manager, received on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**I wish to inform you that Monaghan County Council has no statutory function in  
relation to the licensing of poultry facilities where the stocking capacity exceeds  
40,000 birds.**

It would be inappropriate for the Chief Executive to engage with any party in  
relation to an active application for an Industrial Emissions Licence to the  
Environmental Protection Agency.

Consent for inspection does not require any other use.

Job Ref: 20-097

26/03/2020

Office of Licensing Climate and Resource Use,  
Environmental Protection Agency,  
P.O. Box 3000,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co. Wexford.

**Re: Licence Application**

**Applicant: Declan Connolly**

**Development Address: Dundrumman, Scotstown, Monaghan.**

**Development: Chicken houses**

**To Whom it Concerns,**

Our clients Mr Jerry & Mrs Mary Ann McCleneghan have approached us to assess and make recommendations on a perceived noise nuisance and air emissions issue at their dwelling house at Derryarrit, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan. Our clients house is located approximately 750m from Mr Connolly's chicken houses.

Our clients purchased their site and built their house in 2004 and have constructed some stables for horses as this is Mary Ann's passion. Mary Ann has commented that when noise and pollution levels get particularly high that the horses show symptoms of stress and agitation.

Our clients are also concerned that during the "destocking stage" i.e. when all livestock are sold and removed, the air emissions are so pungent as to cause her family's eyes to "water" when they go outside their dwelling house and is a particular nuisance in good weather as it restricts the use of their garden, going for walks etc. Please note that the restricted use of the garden is also onerous on our clients 2 foster children who have lived here for over 5 years. The children have sometimes queried the whining, high pitched noise disturbing their sleep at night time.

The air emissions are described as "sharp" and like "ammonia" or "bleach" and appear to be from the clean up /disinfection operations which sometimes carry on late into the night after the birds are removed.

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The noise seems to emanate from feeding operations during the day, ventilation operations which occur day and night and delivery and transfer of feed from lorries to feed container "silos"

On behalf of our clients we are asking that you give serious consideration of their concerns in so far as any licensing conditions that will be imposed. We presume you can set daytime and night-time noise limits which will not discommode our clients enjoyment of living in this beautiful rural community. Similarly we presume you can insist on maximum protection of local air quality in relation to emissions from the chicken plant and that there is an obligation on Mr. Connolly to install the best available technology and operational methods.

From reading through the environmental and technical submissions one gains an impression that there will be no noise emissions or other public health "nuisance" issues – our clients begs to differ based on what they have experienced to date and are now earnestly requesting you to take on board their concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**Seán O'Connor, M. Appd. Sc., Dip. Public Health, Dip. Envr. Engr. Fetac Approved Site Assessor**  
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