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Submitter:	Trish Smullen					
Submission Title:	Rec'd by email					
Submission Reference No.:	S011294					
Submission Received:	26 April 2022					

Application					
Applicant:	Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd				
Reg. No.:	P0915-02				

See below for Submission details.

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From: **Licensing Staff** Aisling F Kehoe To:

Subject: FW: Reply from DECC re EIS 22/97 IE licence application at Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd Co. Limerick

Date: Tuesday 26 April 2022 13:56:34

22 97 IE licence application at Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd Co. Limerick.pdf GSI datasets relevant to EIA & SEA 20210421.pdf Attachments:

From: CorporateSupport.Unit < CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 26 April 2022 12:57 To: Licensing Staff < licensing@epa.ie>

Cc: CorporateSupport.Unit <CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie>; Planning Advisory

<PlanningAdvisory@decc.gov.ie>

Subject: Reply from DECC re EIS 22/97 IE licence application at Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd Co.

Limerick

Good afternoon,

Please see attached and below a reply from Trish Smullen and Clare Glanville (Senior Geologist) on behalf of Geological Survey Ireland (a division of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications) for the subject below. Please forward an acknowledgement of receipt to <u>CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie</u> at your earliest convenience.

Regards, Enda Brady, Corporate Support Unit.

Enda Brady,

Corporate Support Unit,

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From: GSI Planning < GSIPlanning@GSI.ie >

Sent: Tuesday 26 April 2022 08:46

To: CorporateSupport.Unit < <u>CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie</u>>

Cc: Clare Glanville < Clare.Glanville@decc.gov.ie >; GSI Planning < GSIPlanning@GSI.ie > Subject: RE: EIS 22/97 IE licence application at Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd Co. Limerick Hi Enda, Please see attached for return the EPA. Thanks and regards, Trish

From: GSI Planning Sent: 23 March 2022 17:14

Cc: GSI Planning

Subject: EIS 22/97 IE licence application at Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd Co. Limerick

EIS 22/97

Industrial Emissions licence for intensive agriculture at Ballyfauskeen, Ballylanders, Co.Limerick. Request for observations by the EPA via the CSU mailbox.

Regards, Erin

From: noreply Reply <<u>noreply@epa.ie</u>>
Sent: Wednesday 23 March 2022 09:54

To: aharvey@heritagecouncil.ie; bord@pleanala.ie; chemicals@hsa.ie; CorporateSupport.Unit <CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie>; environlicensing@fisheriesireland.ie; environment@limerick.ie; environmental.health@hse.ie; environmentalco-ordination@agriculture.gov.ie; EPA-Info@shannonproperties.ie; Fem.dau@housing.gov.ie; IWenvironmental@water.ie; John.Spink@teagasc.ie; minister@dttas.ie; plandev@limerick.ie; planning.applications@failteireland.ie; planning@antaisce.org; WPPR <WPPR@decc.gov.ie>

Subject: EPA Notification – Licence Application/Review Received EPA013409

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with the provisions of the applicable licensing regulations, you are being routinely notified that an application for a licence, details of which are set out below, was received by the Agency on 08 March 2022.

- Licence Type: Industrial Emissions (IE)

- Name and address of applicant: Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd, Ballyfauskeen,

Ballylanders, Co. Limerick

- Location of installation: Ballyfauskeen, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick,

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- Reference No: P0915-02

- EIS/EIAR submitted: Yes

- Planning Authority to whom EIS/EIAR has been submitted:

Limerick City & County Council, County Hall Limerick,

Classes and Nature of Activity in accordance with the EPA Act 1992 as amended							
Class of Activity	Main Activity	EPA Act Sector (where applicable)	Class of Activity Description				
6.2 (b)	Yes	Intensive Agriculture	The rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds - (b) 2,000 places for production pigs which are over 30kg				

The EIS/EIAR is available for public inspection on the EPA website alongside

- i. any information provided to the Agency under paragraph (e) or (f)(ii)(II) of section 83(2A) of the EPA Act 1992;
- ii. any opinion issued by the Agency under section 83(2A)(de) of the EPA Act 1992 on the scope of the environmental impact assessment report.
- iii. any further information, including reports and advice, relating to the environmental impact assessment as may be furnished to the Agency in the course of the Agency's consideration of the application.

Submissions may be made in writing to the Agency in relation to the likely effects on the environment of the proposed activity within the period specified by the Agency on its website under Regulation 4(2)(c) of the licensing regulations.

The application is being processed by the Agency and you will be notified of the decision in due course. In this regard any comments in relation to this application should be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible. A copy of the application and associated correspondence are available for public inspection on the Agency's website www.epa.ie.

Please direct any queries that you may have in relation to the above to licensing@epa.ie.

Please note that there is no requirement for you to acknowledge receipt of this notice.

If you have no comments to make in relation to this application, there is no requirement for you to reply to the Agency.

Yours sincerely, Environmental Licensing Programme Office of Environmental Sustainability

Tel: 053 - 9160600

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Tá eolas sa teachtaireacht leictreonach seo (agus b'fhéidir sa chomhaid ceangailte leis) a d'fhéadfadh bheith príobháideach nó faoi rún. Is le h-aghaidh an duine/na ndaoine nó le h-aghaidh an aonáin atá ainmnithe thuas agus le haghaidh an duine/na ndaoine sin amháin atá an t-eolas. Murab ionann tusa agus an té a bhfuil an teachtaireacht ceaptha dó bíodh a fhios agat nach gceadaítear nochtadh, cóipeáil, scaipeadh nó úsáid an eolais agus/nó an chomhaid seo. Más trí earráid a fuair tú an teachtaireacht leictreonach seo cuir, más é do thoil é, an té ar sheol an teachtaireacht ar an eolas láithreach. Deimhnítear leis seo freisin nár aims odh víreas sa phost seo tar éis a scanadh.





Environmental Licensing Programme Office of Environmental Sustainability EPA Johnstown Castle Estate Wexford, Y35 W821

26 April 2022

Re: IE licence application at Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd Co. Limerick

Your Ref: P0915-02 Our Ref: 22/97

Dear Sir/Madam,

Geological Survey Ireland is the national earth science agency and is a division of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. We provide independent geological information and advice and gather various data for that purpose. Please see our website for data availability. We recommend using these various data sets, when conducting the EIAR, SEA, planning and scoping processes. Use of our data or maps should be attributed correctly to 'Geological Survey Ireland'.

With reference to your email received on the 23 March 2022, concerning the IE licence application at Ballyfaskin Enterprises Ltd, Ballyfauskeen, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick, Geological Survey Ireland would encourage use of and reference to our datasets. Please find attached a list of our publicly available datasets that may be useful to the environmental assessment and planning process. We recommend that you review this list and refer to any datasets you consider relevant to your assessment. The remainder of this letter and following sections provide more detail on some of these datasets.

We are pleased to see use of our Bedrock, Subsoils, Groundwater Vulnerability and Aquifer maps and datasets within the EIAR.

Geoheritage

A national inventory of geoheritage sites known as County Geological Sites (CGSs) is managed by the Geoheritage Programme of Geological Survey Ireland. CGSs, as adopted under the National Heritage Plan, include sites that are of national importance which have been selected as the very best examples for NHA (Natural Heritage Areas) designation. NHA designation will be completed in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). CGSs are now routinely included in County Development Plans and in the GIS of planning departments, to ensure the recognition and appropriate protection of geological heritage within the planning system. CGSs can be viewed online under the Geological Heritage tab on the online Map Viewer.

The audit for Co. Limerick is due for publication at the end of Apil 2022. Unaudited CGSs can be viewed online under the Geological Heritage tab on the online Map Viewer. The sites are listed in a master list of unaudited sites and are presented on Geological Survey Ireland's Map Viewer as sites with buffer zones but no specific site boundary.

The Curraghturk site is located approximately 2km from the proposed development site and was listed as a potential County Geological Site in the IGH 7 Quaternary Theme Master List, as well as on the original An Foras Forbartha Sites of Scientific Interest list from 1971, as an incised glacial spillway that had formed when the glacial lake in the Glen of Aherlow at the end of the last Ice Age drained away.

Upon visiting the site during the recent audit process, it was observed that though there is a marked incision into the northern footslopes of the ridge at Curraghturk, just south of Ballylanders, the channel itself is quite shallow, and only extends for a few hundred metres lateral distance and there is nothing marked or unusual about the Curraghturk channel. Hence this site is rejected as a County Limerick County Geological Site in the recent audit.





Groundwater

Geological Survey Ireland's <u>Groundwater and Geothermal Unit</u>, provides advice, data and maps relating to groundwater distribution, quality and use, which is especially relevant for safe and secure drinking water supplies and healthy ecosystems.

Proposed developments need to consider any potential impact on specific groundwater abstractions and on groundwater resources in general. We recommend using the groundwater maps on our Map viewer which should include: wells; drinking water source protection areas; the national map suite - aquifer, groundwater vulnerability, groundwater recharge and subsoil permeability maps. For areas underlain by limestone, please refer to the karst specific data layers (karst features, tracer test database; turlough water levels (gwlevel.ie). Background information is also provided in the Groundwater Body Descriptions. Please read all disclaimers carefully when using Geological Survey Ireland data.

<u>GWClimate</u> is a groundwater monitoring and modelling project that aims to investigate the impact of climate change on groundwater in Ireland. This is a follow on from a previous project (GWFlood) and the data may be useful in relation to Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and management plans. Maps and data are available on the <u>Map viewer</u>.

The Groundwater Vulnerability map indicates the area is classed as 'High'. The piggery operation is underlain by a 'Locally Important Aquifer - Bedrock which is Moderately Productive only in Local Zones'.

If the waste arising from the intensive poultry facility is being landspread, it should comply with the Licensed Landspreading Groundwater Protection Response and indicated site assessment requirements for the particular groundwater vulnerability, aquifer and source protection area setting, as well as the relevant current EPA guidelines.

The Licensed Landspreading document is here:

https://www.gsi.ie/documents/Groundwater Response Matrix for Landspreading of Organic Waste.pdf.

Geological Survey Ireland has completed Groundwater Protection Schemes (GWPSs) in partnership with Local Authorities, and there is now national coverage of GWPS mapping. A Groundwater Protection Scheme provides guidelines for the planning and licensing authorities in carrying out their functions, and a framework to assist in decision-making on the location, nature and control of developments and activities in order to protect groundwater. The Limerick Groundwater Protection Response overview and link to the main reports is here: https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/publications/Pages/Limerick-Groundwater-Protection-Scheme-Reports.aspx.

I hope that these comments are of assistance, and if we can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me Clare Glanville, or my colleague Trish Smullen at GSIPlanning@gsi.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Glanville
Senior Geologist

Geological Survey Ireland

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Enc: Table - Geological Survey Ireland's Publicly Available Datasets Relevant to Planning, EIA and SEA processes.









Geological Survey Ireland's Publicly Available Datasets Relevant to Planning, EIA and SEA processes following European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 296 of 2018)

Geological Survey Ireland				n	
Programme	Dataset	Relevant EIA Topic	Coverage	Description / Notes / Limitations	Link to Geological Survey Ireland map viewer
				Associated guidance documentation relating to the National Landslide	
Geohazards	Landslide: National landslide database and landslide susceptibility map	Land & Soil/Climate/Landscape	National	Susceptibility Map is also available.	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b68cf1e4a9044a5981f950e9b9c5625c
				Provide information of historic flooding, both surface water and	
				groundwater. [A lack of flooding presented in any specific location of the	
				map only indicates that a flood has not been detected. It does not	
				indicate that a flood cannot occur in that location at present or in the	
Geohazards	Groundwater Flooding (Historic)	Water	Regional	future]	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=848f83c85799436b808652f9c735b1cc
				Provides information on the probability of future karst groundwater	
				flooding (where available). [The maps do not, and are not intended to,	
				constitute advice. Professional or specialist advice should be sought	
				before taking, or refraining from, any action on the basis of the flood	
	Groundwater Flooding (Predictive)	Water	Regional	maps]	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=848f83c85799436b808652f9c735b1cc
Geohazards	Radon Map	Land & Soils/Air	National		http://www.epa.ie/radiation/radonmap/
				All geological heritage sites identified by Geological Survey Ireland are	
Geoheritage	County Geological Sites as adopted by National Heritage Plan and listed in County Development Plan	Land & Soils/Landscape	Regional	categorised as CGS pending any further NHA designation by NPWS.	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a30af518e87a4c0ab2fbde2aaac3c228
Geological Mapping	Bedrock geology:	Land & Soils	National	1:100,000 scale and associated memoirs.	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0
Geological Mapping	Bedrock geology:	Land & Soils	Regional	1:50,000 scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0
Geological Mapping	Quaternary geology: Sediments	Land & Soils	National	1:50,000 scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0
Geological Mapping	Quaternary geology: Geomorphology	Land & Soils	National	1:50,000 scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0
				Broad-scale physical landscape units mapped at 1:100,000 scale in order	
Geological Mapping	Physiographic units:	Land & Soils	National	to be represented as a cartographic digital map at 1:250,000 scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=afa76a420fc54877843aca1bc075c62b
Geological Mapping	GeoUrban: Spatial geological data for the greater Dublin and Cork areas	Land & Soils	Regional	includes 3D models	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9768f4818b79416093b6b2212a850ce6&scale=0
				Digitised geotechnical and Site Investigation Reports and boreholes which	
Geological Mapping	Geotechnical database	Land & Soils	National	can be accessed through online downloads	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a2718be1873d47a585a3f0415b4a724c
Goldmine	Historical data sets including geological memoirs and 6" to 1 mile geological mapping records	land & Soils/Water	National	available online	https://secure.dccae.gov.ie/goldmine/index.html
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Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater resources (aquifers)	Water	National	Data limited to 1:100,000 scale; sites should be investigated at local scale Data limited to 1:40,000 scale; sites should be investigated at local scale;	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater recharge.	Water	National		https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
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Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater vulnerability.	Water	National	Data limited to 1:40,000 scale; sites should be investigated at local scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappyiewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
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Groundwater & Geothermal	Group scheme and public supply source protection areas.	Water	National	private supplies.	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
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Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater Protection Schemes	Water	National	protections areas	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
	Catchment and WFD management units.	Water	National	protections dreas	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
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	Wells and Springs	Water	National	Not comprehensive, there may be unrecorded wells and springs	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
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				Not exhaustive; only those in designated SACs; could be other GWDTEs;	https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/programmes-and-projects/groundwater-and-geothermal-unit/activities/understanding-
Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater body Descriptions	Water	National	for more information contact NPWS / EPA / site investigations	ireland-groundwater/Pages/Groundwater-bodies.aspx
a. aawater & ocothermal				Also, Roadmap for a Policy and Regulatory Framework for Geothermal	
Groundwater & Geothermal	Geothermal Suitability maps	land & Soils/Water	National	Energy, November 2020	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9ee46bee08de41278b90a991d60c0b9e
Marine & Coastal Unit	INFOMAR - Ireland's national marine mapping programme; providing key baseline data for Ireland's		National	VII	https://secure.dccae.gov.ie/GSI/INFOMAR_VIEWER/
Marine & Coastal Unit	CHERISH - Coastal change project (Climate, Heritage and Environments of Reefs, Islands, and Headla		Regional		http://www.cherishproject.eu/en/
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Marine & Coastal Unit	Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI).	water /Land & Soils	Regional	rolled out nationally	Index.aspx
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				asset which should be explicitly recognised within the environmental	
Minerals	Aggregate potential	Land & Soils/Material Assets	National	assessment process	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ee8c4c285a49413aa6f1344416dc9956
	Active quarries	Land & Soils	National	annual property	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ee8c4c285a49413aa6f1344416dc9956
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				Inventory and Risk Classification 2009. Environmental Protection Agency,	https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/default?easting=?&northing=?&lid=EPA:LEMA Facilities Extractive Facilities
Minerals	Historic mines	Land & Soils/Cultural Heritage	National	Economic Minerals Division and Geological Survey Ireland (DECC).	https://www.epa.ie/enforcement/mines/
	Geochemical data: multi-element data for shallow soil, stream sediment and stream water	Land & Soils	Regional	A national mapping programme	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6304e122b733498b99642707ff72f754
	Airborne geophysical data including radiometrics, electromagnetics and magnetics	Land & Soils	Regional	A national mapping programme	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6304e122b733498b99642707ff72f754
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Notes:

- 1. The maps and data listed above are available on the Geological Survey Ireland map viewer https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/data-and-maps/Pages/default-aspx
- 2. Please read all disclaimers carefully when using Geological Survey Ireland data
- 3. Geological Survey Ireland and Irish Concrete Federation published guidelines for the treatment of geological heritage in the extractive industry in 2008.

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