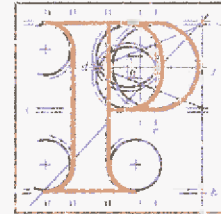


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EPA Ref: DA0034-02

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Administrative Team
Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use
Environmental Protection Agency
PO Box 3000
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Date: 29 November 2023

Re: Waste Licence review application in respect of the agglomeration named Greater Dublin Area

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above mentioned application for permission and to your email dated the 31st October 2023 requesting observations in relation to a review of a Waste Licence pursuant to the provisions of the European Union (Waste Water Discharge) Regulations 2007-2020. The Board's observations in relation to the above-mentioned application are as follows:

There is a live planning application under consideration by An Bord Pleanála (reference number: ABP-312131-21) which relates to Greater Dublin Drainage Project consisting of a new wastewater treatment plant, sludge hub centre, orbital sewer, outfall pipeline and regional biosolids storage facility. This is not the same development as that before the Environmental Protection Agency under licence application reference number D0034-02 but is relevant to it.

The Board is aware that the proposed development is a licensable activity.

In relation to the foregoing application currently under consideration by the Board the information relating to the EIAR on the EPA's website is not the same information as in the EIAR submitted to An Bord Pleanála. An oral hearing has been conducted by An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed development. Additional information has been submitted in relation to the foregoing development and may be of relevance to the EPA.

The Board have granted permission for the proposed works subject to the current licence review under ref: ABP-301798-18.

The Board is aware that the proposed development as applied for within this application is a licensable activity.

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In relation to the above application (ABP-301798-18) the information relating to the EIAR on the EPA's website is the same information as in the EIAR submitted to An Bord Pleanála. No significant additional information has to date been added to the original planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála during the planning application process for this development.

Approvals at the Ringsend WwTP site in addition to the foregoing include the following:

An Bord Pleanála Ref. 29N.YA0010 –

The Board approved the application (16th November 2012) for the following: Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Works Extension Project which would expand the existing wastewater treatment to its ultimate capacity of 2.4 million PE within the confines of its current site and achieve the required discharge standards. The proposed extension includes the following elements:

- Additional secondary wastewater treatment capacity at the wastewater treatment works site (c.400,000 PE) including associated solids handling and ancillary works;
- A 9-km LSOT commencing at an onshore inlet shaft approximately 350m east of the wastewater treatment works and terminating in an underwater outlet riser/diffuser in Dublin Bay;
- Road network improvements in the vicinity of the site (during the construction phase);

Alteration Decisions on the Ringsend WwTP site

- PL29N.YM0002 – In June 2016, the Board altered the approval in respect of certain temporary works and removal of temporary landscaping bunds at the Ringsend WwTP site;
- PL29N.YM0004 – In January 2018, The Board altered the approval to allow for the omission of three construction site compounds previously permitted and the provision of three new temporary construction site compounds at the Ringsend WwTP site;
- ABP-301773-18 - The Board altered the approval to allow the alteration the terms of the 2012 approval (29.YA0010). The nature of the request related solely to condition no.1 attached to the approval.

The Agency will be notified of the Board's decision in relation to the application ref ABP-312131-21. A copy of the current live application referred to above is available on the Board's website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/312131>.

A copy of the Inspector's Report, the Board Direction and the Board Order in relation to the application will be available on the Board's website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/312131> within 3 working days of the Board's decision. In addition, the complete file will be made available for inspection and purchase at its offices within 3 working days after the case has been determined.

A copy of the Inspector's Report, the Board Direction, the Board Order and all documents relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment are available on the Board's website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/301798>.

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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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