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North Western Health Board	Head Office	Manorhamilton	Co Leitrim	
Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources	Leeson Lane	Dublin 2	Ireland	
Department of Health and Children	Hawkins House	Dublin 2	Ireland	
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Kildare Street	Dublin 2	Ireland	
The Arts Council	70 Merrion Square	Dublin 2	Ireland	
The Heritage Council	An Comhairle Oidhreacht	Kilkenny	Ireland	
Waterways Ireland	Ashstown Gate	Navan Road	Dublin 15	Ireland
An Bord Pleanála	64 Marlborough Street	Dublin 1	Ireland	
Bord Na Mona	Main Street	Newbridge	Co Kildare	Ireland
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Coillte Teoranta	Spruce House	Leeson Street	Dublin 2	Ireland
Department of Agriculture and Food	Kildare Street	Dublin 2	Ireland	
Department of Tourism, Sport & Recreation	Kildare Street	Dublin 2	Ireland	
Department of Transport	44 Kildare Street	Dublin 2	Ireland	
Department of the Environment & Local Government	Custom House	Dublin 1	Ireland	
Dúchas – The Heritage Service	6 Ely Place Upper	Dublin 2	Ireland	
Forestry Service Administration	Johnston Castle Estate	Wexford	Co Wexford	
Geological Survey of Ireland	Beggars Bush	Haddington Road	Dublin 4	Ireland
Health Research Board	73 Lower Baggot Street	Dublin 2	Ireland	
Irish Aviation Authority	Aviation House	Hawkins Street	Dublin 2	Ireland
National Monuments & Historic Properties Services	Office of Public Works	51, St Stephen's Green	Dublin 2	Ireland

North West Regional Tourism	Aras Redden	Temple Street	Sligo	Ireland
Teagasc- Head Office	Agricultural House	Kildare Street	Dublin 2	Ireland
IBEC North West Office	11/12 Mill Court	The Diamond	Donegal Town	Co Donegal
Department of Defence Irish Air Corp	Casement Aerodrome	Baldonnell	Co Dublin	Ireland
Duchas	National Parks and Wildlife Division	7 Ely Place	Dublin 2	Ireland
FAS	Training & Employment Authority	27-33 Upper Baggot Street	Dublin 4	Ireland
Enterprise Ireland	Glasnevin	Dublin 9		
Health and Safety Authority	10 Hogan Place	Dublin 2		
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Irish Science and Technology Agency	Glasnevin	Dublin 9		
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Irish Landscape Institute	6 Merrion Square	Dublin 2		

## A.2 MEETINGS

In addition to the public Consultation days held meetings were held with the following groups to discuss the proposed landfill site.

Duchas (Parks and Wildlife)	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2002 and 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2002
EPA	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2002
Donegal County Council (Planning)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2002
Donegal County Council (Roads)	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2002
Donegal Waste Collectors	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2002
Glenties Electoral Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2003
Udarus Na Gaeltachta	January 2003
Elected Members Milford and Glenties Electoral Area	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2004
Cois Oibre	
IBEC	
Special Policy Committee (Environment)	
Standing Committee on Water Pollution	
Leaflet Drops	

## A.3 SITE VISITS

An Taisce	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Elected Members Milford and Glenties Electoral Area	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2004

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**A.1 LOCAL INTEREST GROUPS**

Coiste Ghleann Domhain	Doire Ordha	Mín a' Labán	Leitir Ceanainn
Cumann Forbartha an Duchoraigh	An Duchoraidh	Co. Dhún na nGall	
Comhairle Ghaoith Bearra	Leitir Mhic an Bháird	Co. Dhún na nGall	
Cumann Oidhreacht Ghleann Fhinne	Ard Laghan	An Chlochán	Leifear
Coiste Oibre Bhaile na Finne	Beal an átha Mhóir	An Chlochán	Leifear
Cumann Naomh Uinseann De Pól	Mín a tSionnaigh	Baile na Finne	Co. Dhún na nGall
Traigh Aonach	Leitir Mhic an Bháird	Co. Dhún na nGall	
Mná Ghaoth Barra	Gaoth Barra	Leitir Mhic a Bhaird	Co. Dhún na nGall
Coiste Forbartha an Choimín	An Chlochán	Leifear	Co. Dhún na nGall
Comhairle Paróiste na nGleannta/Éadan Fhionn Fraoich	Na Gleanntaí	Co. Dhún na nGall	
Kilmacrennan Enterprise and Development	33 Rosemount	Kilmacrennan	Co Donegal
IRD Office	Milford	Co Donegal	
Lifestart	Heath House	Churchhill	Co Donegal
Ramelton Community Action Group	Ramelton	Co Donegal	
Ramelton Town Hall Development Assoc	Rectory Road	Ramelton	Co Donegal
N.E.W Community Playgroups	Lower Prucklish	Churchhill	Co Donegal
Ramelton Heritage Association	Gamble Square	Ramelton	Co Donegal
Termon Development Association	Doon Well	Termon	Co Donegal
Termon & Glendowan Parish Council	Terhillion	Termon	Co Donegal
Church Hill Social & Community Development Group	Churchhill Letterkenny	Co Donegal	
Aughnish Road Residents Association	Melrose, Aughnish Road	Ramelton	Co Donegal
Coiste Ghleann Domhain	Derrora	Church Hill	Co Donegal
Churchhill Social & Community Development Group	Heath House	Church Hill	Co Donegal
Derryveagh Glens Development Association	Claggan	Church Hill	Co Donegal
Donegal Ancestry	Clooney	Ramelton	Co Donegal
Glen Community Development Assoc	Tuame	Glen	Co Donegal

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**AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES**  
Air Corps HQ.,  
Casement Aerodrome,  
Baldonnel,  
Dublin 22.  
29 July 2002


Ref:

Kirk McClure Morton,

**PROPOSED LANDFILL SITE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. Letter from Donegal County Council dated 19 July 2002 refers.
2. The Air Corps has no input to make or information that may be of use to you in carrying out the environmental impact assessment for the proposed landfill site at Meenaboll.
3. Thank you for your consideration.

  
R Cummins  
Lt Col.  
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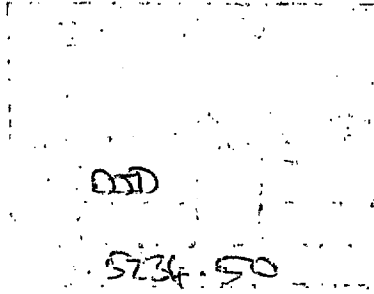
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**Our Ref:** PL 05.ES2011

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**Your Ref:**

Donal Casey  
Senior Executive Chemist  
County House  
Lifford  
Co Donegal



30th July 2002

**Re:** Proposed Landfill Site - Environmental Impact Assessment

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your letter dated 19th of July, 2002 in relation to the above proposed development. I wish to advise you that the Board's only preliminary function in respect of local authority development proposals which are to be the subject of a formal application for approval under Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 is the formal scoping process set out at article 117 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001. It is not open to the Board to provide informal comments or feedback in respect of such proposed developments. You should also note that the statutory procedures and statutory time limits applicable to such formal scoping requests and to which the Board is subject are those set out at article 95 of the 2001 Regulations (this includes formal notification to prescribed bodies as appropriate).

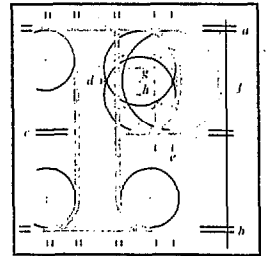
Having regard to the foregoing and the contents of your letter the Board does not consider that a formal scoping request under the said article 117 has been made to it and accordingly it does not propose to further respond to your letter.

However please be advised that it is of course open to you to submit a formal scoping request in accordance with the 2001 Regulations if the local authority so wishes. Any such request should indicate that it is a formal scoping request under article 117 and contain all the information specified at article 95. It should also be endorsed by the County Manager or Secretary or the relevant Director of Services as appropriate.

Please contact the undersigned if you require any further information.

Siobhan White  
Executive Officer

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**Donal Doyle**

**From:** "Oran O'Sullivan" <oosullivan@birdwatchireland.org>  
**To:** <kmmk@dol.ie>  
**Sent:** 29 October 2002 12:56  
**Subject:** Proposed landfill sites

Apologies for the delay in forwarding our observations on proposed landfill developments in Donegal. The information supplied is based on observations from members of our Donegal branch who are familiar with the sites and from the recently completed Upland Bird Survey (BWI 2002).

## Meenaboll (C000090)

The proposed development is located in an area of recently clear-felled forestry (spruce) off the main Letterkenny - Fintown Road.

Buzzard has been seen in the immediate area and may be breeding in the Owenbeg River valley.

The area west of this site

at the southern end of the Glendowan mountains contains one of the largest densities of Golden Plover in Donegal. The Upland Survey 2002 recorded Golden Plover in B9709, B9608, B9407, B9406 and B9507.

Of concern re the development would be:

\* attraction of the dump for gulls and corvids, and the consequent affects on local bird populations of having flocks of these hanging about in the area

\* from the topography it looks like any run-off from the site would end up in the Cummirk river which heads south and feeds into the Finn - a major salmonid river

\* this site lies about 20km south of the release area for Golden Eagles. More significantly it is located almost directly in the path between this release area and the Blue Stack Mountains to the south - an area where several of the released eagles have been moving into. The development of a significant industrial-type complex could alter the nature of the otherwise undisturbed corridor between these two areas.

A breeding season survey of the site should be a mandatory EIS requirement for a site such as this located in a completely undeveloped area.

Extension at Ballynacarrick, Ballintra:

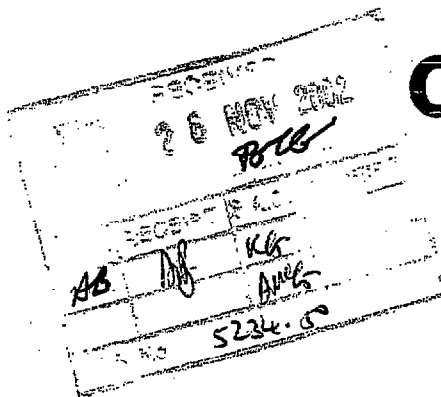
Probably of less concern to BWI since it is an extension of an existing dump. It is far enough away from Murvagh, site of wintering geese and swans, not to have any direct affect.

Yours faithfully,

Oran O'Sullivan  
 General Manager  
 BirdWatch Ireland  
 Rutledge House  
 8 Longford Place

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19 November 2002

Angela McGinley  
Kirk McClure Morrow,  
Elmwood House,  
74 Boucher House,  
Belfast,  
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**Re: Proposed Landfill Site – Environmental Impact Assessment**

Dear Angela,

Thank you for your recent letter and enclosures regarding the above, seeking my comments. Probably my response will have been garnered from other sources.

The site in question would have no impact on the landscape, the surrounding forest area having been classed as a low designation (category 1) on our Landscape Sensitivity Assessment project. Neither could the site pose any difficulties for Coillte in carrying out its normal forestry operations in the area.

cSAC 173, Meenygrannaugh Bog, is located well to the south and as it is on different watershed drainage to here is not an issue.

The proposed sites are within the Lennan catchment, it drains to the Owenbeg, Ballaba, Gartan Lough, Lennan, Lough Fern, Lennan. Gartan Lough is contained within cSAC 2047 – Cloghennagore and Glenveigh and Lough Fern and the lower reaches of the Lennan are contained in cSAC 1162. I have been unable to establish if the stretch of the Lennan between Gartan Lough and Lough Fern is covered by any conservation designation – I am currently awaiting a reply from Dúchas.

There are no known archeological / cultural heritage remains contained within the proposed site, apart from a field, wall/ditch at the north-western edge of the site which is likely to be 19<sup>th</sup> century land reclamation work.



We have no records of any protected species of raptor either nesting or roosting at this location, perhaps the local wildlife ranger may offer an opinion, if not already consulted. Neither would this area be considered for inclusion in the upcoming survey for biodiversity / nature conservation areas for the West Donegal Forest Management Unit.

I hope the above has been of some help.

Yours sincerely,



~~Jon Williams~~  
Environmental Manager

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Environment Section  
Department of Agriculture and Food  
Johnstown Castle,  
Co. Wexford

Your ref No 02/5234.08

Re :- Ballynacarrick Landfill Site Extension \_ Environment Impact  
Assessment

Att.: - Kirk Mc Clure Morton  
Unit A6, the Enterprise and Business Center.  
Ballyraine,  
Letterkenny,  
Co. Donegal

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to correspondence received from Mr. Donal Casey, Senior Executive Chemist in Donegal Co. Council requesting this Departments observations on the above proposal . The Department of Agriculture and Food has no comment to offer on this issue at this time . However, we will contact you should any matters relevant to this department arise.

Michael Mac Carthy  
September 30, 2002

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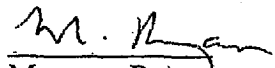
Kirk McClure Morton  
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Dear Sirs

I refer to Mr. Donal Casey's letter of 19 July 2002 regarding an environmental impact assessment for a proposed landfill site at Meenaboll.

I wish to inform you that this Department has no observations on the matter.

Yours sincerely

  
Margaret Ryan  
Environment Section

26 July 2002

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**Re: Ballynacarrick Landfill Site Extension – Environmental Impact Assessment**

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19 July 2002 in relation to the above.

Your enquiry has been allocated the above reference number which should be used in all correspondence with this Department. In addition, your enquiry has been circulated to a number of relevant individuals/Divisions within this Department for their observations and comments and we will revert to you in due course.

If you require any further assistance, please contact the undersigned immediately.

Mise le meas,

Yvonne Doolan,  
Dúchas The Heritage Service,  
Department of the Environment & Local Government.  
25 July 2002

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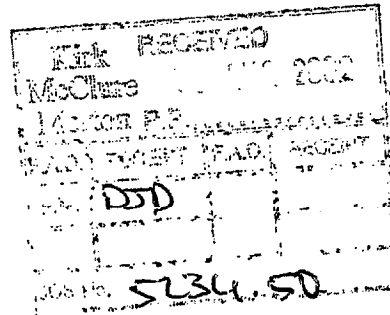
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**Re: Proposed Landfill Site – Environmental Impact Assessment - Meenaboll**

Dear Mr. Morton,

We refer to your letter of 19 July 2002 in relation to the above. Outlined below are Dúchas The Heritage Service of the Department of the Environment and Local Government's archaeological (terrestrial) recommendations:

**Archaeological (terrestrial)**

As part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) it is necessary that the archaeological implications of the development be addressed in the Cultural Heritage Section.

It is therefore necessary that a suitably qualified archaeologist be employed to carry out an Archaeological Assessment of the proposed site as part of the EIS and prior to a consideration of planning permission.

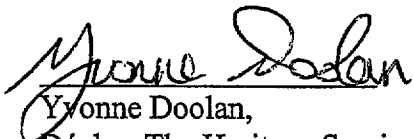
The Archaeological Assessment shall include:

- Documentary and map research
- Site visits and full survey of the proposed development site
- An Archaeological Impact Assessment and Visual Amenity Impact Assessment
- Recommended mitigatory measures

The EIS should be submitted to Dúchas The Heritage Service and the relevant planning authority outlining all of the above prior to a planning decision. The developer shall be prepared to be advised further by Dúchas with regard to any archaeological requirements (these may include refusal, preservation in situ, monitoring, testing, and/or excavation).

In addition, the proposed development is also being examined from a nature conservation and an archaeological (underwater) perspective and our comments will be forwarded to you when they are to hand.

Yours Sincerely,



Yvonne Doolan,  
Dúchas The Heritage Service,  
Department of the Environment & Local Government.  
9<sup>th</sup> August 2002.

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Date

4<sup>th</sup> October 2002

Our ref. 04-13-04-01

Your ref.

**Re: Proposed Meenaboll Landfill Site – Environmental Impact Assessment**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I acknowledge your letter to the Agency regarding the above development.

I would draw your attention to two documents the EPA have published on the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements: 'Advice Notes on Current Practice in the Preparation of Environmental Impact Statements, 1995' and more recently, 'Guidelines on the Information to be Contained in Environmental Impact Statements, 2002'. These guidelines set out the issues that the Agency consider need to be addressed in the preparation of an EIS and, where necessary, in the subsequent development.

In relation to the specific project, I refer you to section 3 of the Advice notes which provide guidance on the topics which would usually be addressed when preparing an EIS for developments of a specific project class. The Advice Notes are currently under revision due to recent legislative changes in EIA law; further details on this can be obtained from the EPA website.

In relation to possible constraints, I would draw your attention to our list of publications and the register of EPA licensed activities on our website, [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie). General water and air quality information can be obtained from the relevant EPA publications. The EPA has also published a number of manuals relating to landfill operation, design and maintenance, which may also be of some assistance. These publications are available from our publications office (tel. 01-2680100).

Yours sincerely

Avril Boland  
Environmental Management and Planning

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Our Ref: SC4/14/73 V3

**RE: Proposed Landfill Site – Environmental Impact Assessment – Meenaboll  
Co. Donegal**

Dear Sirs,

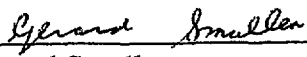
I refer to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2002 requesting comments on the proposal and details of information that we may hold in relation to the site at Meenaboll Co. Donegal

The Forest Service does not own land in the area and does not have any specific comments to make at this time. However a copy of the proposal has been sent to our Forestry Inspector for the area, if he has specific comments to make I will send them to you at a latter date.

Coillte Teoranta and any private land owners who may have forestry in the area should be consulted separately about the proposed development.

Forest Inventory Data is available in GIS format from the Forest Service in respect of forests planted up to mid-1997. If this information would be of use to you in deciding the preferred route please sign and return the enclosed Confidential Data Agreement to Mary O'Leary, IFIS Unit, a CD will be issued to you.

Yours sincerely,

  
Gerard Smullen  
Forest Service  
7 August 2002

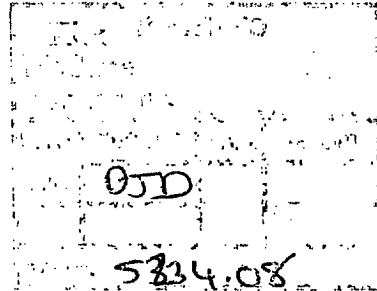
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Unit 6A  
The Enterprise and Business Centre  
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9 August 2002

Re. Meenaboll Landfill Site



Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the letter of 19 July 2002 from Donegal County Council concerning the above project. The letter requested that any response should be sent to you at your Letterkenny office.

The Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) is the national earth science agency and has datasets on Bedrock Geology, Quaternary Geology, Mineral deposits, Groundwater Resources and the Geology of the Irish Seabed area. These consist of maps, reports, and extensive databases. These latter include mineral occurrences, site investigation boreholes, mineral exploration boreholes, karst features, wells and springs.

The GSI would like to see the topics of the Bedrock and Quaternary Geology of the site listed specifically in the scoping for the proposed Environmental Impact Assessment. They have a fundamental influence on other aspects of the assessment such as hydrogeology and ground conditions for building and trafficability.

The GSI is very anxious to enlarge the database of site investigation boreholes on a nationwide basis to provide a better service to the civil engineering sector. Therefore it would much appreciate a copy of the reports detailing the site investigations undertaken. These would then be added to the national database.

If the GSI can be of any further help please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ronnie Creighton, PGeo  
Senior Geologist  
Quaternary and Geotechnical Section



Giffen, Kathryn

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From: Digifone Online [kmmlk@dol.ie]  
Sent: 14 August 2002 16:43  
To: Giffen, Kathryn  
Subject: Fw: Donegal Landfill Sites

Donal Doyle, Senior Engineer  
BEng CEng MICE MIEI CMIWM

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Teresa Maguire" <tmaguire@hrb.ie>

<kmmlk@dol.ie>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2002 12:40 PM

Subject: Donegal Landfill Sites

> Dear Sir/Madam,

>

> I refer to the letter received from Donegal County Council, dated 19  
> July

> 2002. With regards to the planned developments (Ballynacarrick  
> Landfill

> Site

> extension and Meenaboll Landfill Site) I am not sure that the Health  
> Research Board has any comments to add other than to say that we have

> a

> report scheduled for the end of September 2002 which might be useful.

> This

> report which constitutes a literature review of the health and  
> environmental

> impact of Landfill and Incinerators was commissioned by us on the  
> request

> The Department of the Environment late last year. While I am not at  
> liberty

> to discuss details of this report at this stage, I can say that the  
> authors

> of this report represented a consortium of experts from University  
> College

> Dublin. The main author of the report is Dr Dominique Crowley from the

> Department of Public Health Medicine and Epidemiology at UCD. Perhaps,

> some/all of these authors might be willing to comment on the proposed

> developments and impact assessments in the Donegal area.

>

> kind regards,

>

> Teresa Maguire PhD

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Unit A6,  
The Enterprise and Business Centre,  
Ballyraine,  
Letterkenny,  
Co. Donegal

Our Reference: 02-LuP-Landfill-DCC

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

**Re: Proposed Landfill Site at Meenaboll- Environmental Impact Assessment &  
Ballynacarrick Landfill Site Extension - Environmental Impact Assessment**

A Chara,

The Authority, acting as the Central Competent Authority under the EC (Control of Major Accident Hazards involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations, 2000 (SI 476 of 2000), gives technical advice to the planning authority when requested, under regulation 29(1) in relation to

- (a) the siting of new establishments,
- (b) modifications to an existing establishment to which Article 10 of the Directive applies, or
- (c) proposed development in the vicinity of an existing establishment

The advice given is for the purposes of assessing new development only, where a precautionary approach is taken.

Based on the information provided to the Authority (re. Letter July02/5234.08 & July02/5234.50), Regulation 4(2)(e) of SI 476 of 2000 states that the Regulations do NOT apply to waste land-fill sites.

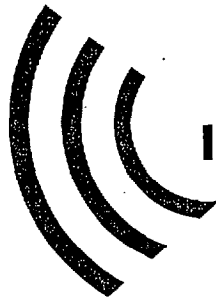
If you have any queries please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

Noreen Quinn  
Inspector  
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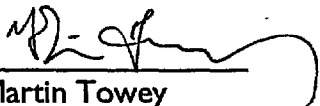
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**Re: Proposed landfill site at Meenaboll, Co. Donegal**

Dear Sir

I refer to a query of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2002 to the Irish Aviation Authority from Mr. Donal Casey, Senior Executive Chemist, Donegal County Council, concerning a proposed landfill site for non-hazardous waste post recycling at Meenaboll, Co. Donegal. I wish to advise you that this Authority has no observations on the proposals.

Yours sincerely

  
Martin Towey  
Corporate Policy and Planning

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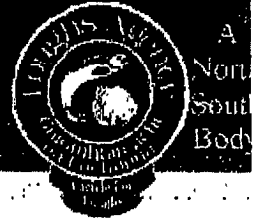
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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the proposed landfill site at Meenaboll, Co Donegal. Following our discussions regarding the above, Loughs Agency field staff carried out a detailed survey of the proposed site. They found several small streams draining from the site to a tributary of the River Finn called the Cummrick, which is a river of significant importance in terms of spawning habitat for salmon and sea trout. The Loughs Agency's view is that because of the importance of this salmonid river in maintaining the salmon and sea trout stocks of the Finn system, every measure should be taken, that if this project were to proceed no leakage of any description should be allowed to enter the Cummrick River, and that the present standard of habitat and water quality is maintained.

Yours faithfully

**CHARLIE HEGARTY**  
Inspector

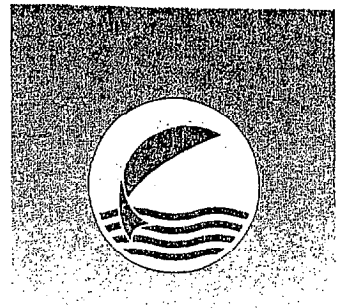
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Kirk McClure Morton  
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## PROPOSED LANDFILL SITE AT MEENABOLL, Co. DONEGAL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to advise that the area of interest at Meenaboll is within the jurisdiction of the Loughs Agency.

Your correspondence of July 19<sup>th</sup> 2002 has been forwarded to their offices in Derry for observation/comment.

Yours sincerely,

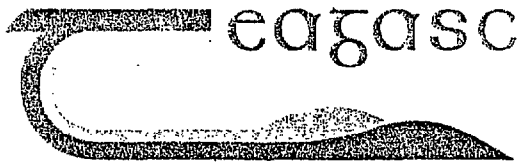
  
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**Mr. Donal Casey,  
Senior Executive Chemist,  
Comhairle Chontae Dhun na nGall,  
County House,  
Lifford,  
Co. Donegal**


24<sup>th</sup> August 2002

Dear Mr. Casey,

Please note that your documentation in relation to the proposed landfill site at Meenaboll (Ref: July02/5234.50) and the Ballynacarrick landfill site extension (Ref: July02/5234.08) has been forwarded to Mr. P.J. Molloy, Teagasc CAO Donegal and Mr. Sean Regan, Teagasc Farm Environment Specialist for consideration at local level.

Unfortunately, due to holiday arrangements it will not be possible to generate any feedback by the return date indicated in your correspondence and I would suggest that the second week of September would be a more appropriate target.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**Larry Kennedy**  
Regional Development Manager

c.c. **Donal Carey, Director of Operations, Teagasc North**  
**P.J. Molloy**  
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Mr. Donal Casey,  
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**Ref: July 02/5234.50 Proposed Landfill site at Meenaboll**

Dear Mr. Casey,

Regarding your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2002, I wish to make the following comments.

This proposed site is located on Blanket Peat topography that slopes to the west. The underlying subsoil is highly impervious. This means that protection of the surrounding surface must be the prime objective.

The site is divided by a 3<sup>rd</sup> class road that connects the Letterkenny Fintown R250 Road with the Churchill Doochary R254 Road. This road is used by locals, mainly sheep farmers, and visitors who enjoy the rugged landscape and the high quality habitats of this locality. The site is located on ground where conifer woodland has been clear-felled recently.

This site is 5.0 km. due south (or east) of Glenveagh National Park and 0.5 km. due east of the very important SAC Site - 2047 Cloghernagore Bog and Glenveagh National Park.

The site is located at the source of two rivers, the Owenbeg River that feeds into Gartan Lough and the Shruhanpollendoo River that feeds into the River Finn via the Commirk River. Gartan Lough is a very important lake because of its amenity value (Gartan Outdoor Pursuits Centre), its tourism value and its historical connections with St. Colmcille. The river Finn is a very important Salmon fishing river and forms part of The Foyle Fishery.

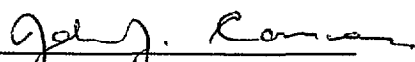
From a farming perspective there is a general concern, especially in dairying areas, on the potential of landfill sites to attract flocks of birds such as Crows and Gulls. These birds could be instrumental in the spread of disease and dump material from farm to farm

In general I would make the following recommendations.

1. Dúchas should be contacted directly for an assessment of the site regarding the potential impact on The SAC Site 2047.
2. The Foyle Fishery Board and the North Western Fisheries Board should be contacted directly regarding any possible impact on water quality in the surrounding rivers and Gartan Lake.
3. The views of Bord Failte should be sought on the possible adverse affects that this development would have on tourism. It could have possible adverse affects on environmentalists, hill walkers, back packers and cyclists who tend to traverse this area.
4. If the proposal does proceed the main objective should be to ensure that no leachate is ever allowed escape from the site.
5. The disease risk to farming activities caused by the increased activity of birds on the site should be addressed in the EIS.

The visual impact of the proposed development at this location cannot be underestimated. It is a pity that the surrounding forests have been clearfelled or are quite low in height, as a forest with 25 years growth would have a beneficial screening effect.

Yours sincerely,

  
John J. Cannon  
Teagasc.

C.c. Donal Carey, Director of Operations, Teagasc North.  
P.J. Molloy, CAO. Co. Donegal.  
Sean Regan, Farm Environment Specialist, Teagasc.

GLENMORE ESTATE,  
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CO. DONEGAL

3rd October, 2002

Messrs. Kirk, McClure Morton,  
Unit A6,  
The Enterprise and Business Centre,  
Ballyraine,  
Letterkenny,  
Co. Donegal.

Dear Sirs,


**Re: PROPOSED LANDFILL SITE - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Apart from the obvious environmental considerations of scenic views and potential wind blow of rubbish, my main concern would be on ensuring that no liquids leach out of the site and into the Cunnirk river and hence into the Finn.

I was not sure whether the site would be in the Finn watershed or whether it would leach towards Letterkenny.

If the site does go ahead I would suggest planting of trees to screen it from the tourists.

Yours faithfully,



T. L. S. MACKIE.

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From: SEAN O DAIMHIN  
> Sent: 09 December 2002 14:28  
> To: DONAL CASEY  
> Subject:  
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> Ref: Proposed Landfill Site for Mín na bPoll  
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> A chara,  
>  
> We recently received a request (letter dated 26 July, 2002) from  
Dónal  
> Casey, Donegal County Council, seeking our opinions/observations as  
> part of the consultation process in relation to the preparation of an  
> Environmental Impact Statement for the above-mentioned site.  
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> We understand that Donegal County Council must consult with various  
> organisations in relation to an Environmental Impact Assessment on  
the  
> proposed site as part of the planning approval and for a waste  
> license.  
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> In this context, Údarás na Gaeltachta, as a development organisation,  
> recognises Donegal County Council's need for a Waste Management Plan  
> for the management of non-thermal waste throughout Donegal. Údarás  
na  
> Gaeltachta would hope that there would be an adherence to any  
European  
> and national objectives which have been agreed regarding the  
> recycling, rehabilitation agus redirection of waste in any such  
> development and especially in relation to the proposed development.  
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> We hope/expect that the proposed landfill site development for the  
> subsequent recycling and rehabilitation of non-dangerous waste i Mín  
> na bPoll would comply with the highest standards and best practices  
as  
> laid down in the Landfill Guidelines/Directive (1993/31/EC) and in  
> accordance with the guidelines put forward by the Environmental  
> Protection Agency, and to be free and safe from any environmental  
> implications.  
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> Of course, the consent and advice of the local community would play a  
> very crucial part in this consultation process.  
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