G Decommissioning and Aftercare

The site at Coolross will not have a negative impact on the environment in the case of a shut down of the facility and there will be no residual environmental impacts post closure. In the event of a shut down of the facility, Shannon Vermicomposting would immediately cease to receive any additional organic wastes at the site. The composting of the wastes present at the site at that time would be completed and the finished compost would be disposed of as a soil amendment. This would be mixed with the soil in the berms and used to re-vegetate some of the non-concreted areas.

The fuel tanks at the site would be emptied over the closing period and the tanks would be returned to a fuel depot. All the machinery that is used at the facility is either agricultural or industrial and these would be sold.

The tunnels and waste reception building would be retained. These are agricultural buildings, comparable with other buildings that occur in a rural areas. These could be used for a variety of other possible agricultural, mushroom growing or storage uses.

A programme of additional landscaping of the site is included in the second planning application that has been submitted to North Tipperary County Council. This will be constantly monitored and upgraded, if required. After close-down of the site an environmental monitoring programme will continue to monitor groundwater and air quality for a specified period to be agreed with the EPA.