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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD
ON 11th FEBRUARY 2002**

G/08/02 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clr. P. Kelly, Cathaoirleach; Clrs. D. Alcorn, N. Blaney, A. Bonner, E. Bonner, J. Boyle, S. Campbell, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, A. Doherty, P. Doherty, R. Donaghey, T. Gildea, J. Harte, C. Keaveney, P. Kennedy, D. Larkin, S. Maloney, S. McEniff, N. McGinley, P. McGowan, B. McGuinness, D. McHugh, J. McHugh, T. Pringle, J. J. Reid, J. Sheridan and T. Slowey.

G/09/02 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Michael. McLoone, Co. Manager, Mr. Liam Kelly, Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Jim Holohan, Director of Water/Environment/ Emergency Services, Mr. John McLaughlin, Director of Roads & Transportation, Mr. Francie Coyle, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Co. Secretary, Mr. Donal Casey, Senior Executive Chemist, Ms. Catherine Hannon, Recycling/ Waste Reduction Officer, Ms. Mary Hannigan, Staff Officer.

G/32/02 WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLAN :

- Short term - objectives
- Medium term -objectives
- Long term- objectives.

The Committee considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above. Mr. Jim Holohan, Director of Water/Environment/Emergency Services, Mr. Donal Casey, Senior Executive Chemist and advised the Committee that a number of decisions relating to waste management now required the approval of the members. The Council was then presented with options for new landfill sites. Mr. Donal Casey, Senior Executive then gave an informative presentation in relation to same. During his presentation, Mr. Casey gave a detailed analysis of the preferred options for proposed new landfill sites in the county, as follows :

- In the Inishowen Electoral Area, a suitable site had been identified at the back of Scalp Mountain.
- In the Donegal Electoral Area, the recommended option was to extend the existing Ballintra site.

- In the Milford Electoral Area, a site had been identified on the Letterkenny to Fintown road at Meenaboll, which Mr. Casey stated was extremely suitable. The site actually bordered the Milford and Glenties Electoral Areas, but was officially located in the Milford Area.

Mr. Casey advised that a suitable site had not yet been identified for West Donegal, but that investigation would continue in order to provide a solution for the West of the county.

Following some discussion, the Committee recommended approval to the following :

- On the proposal of Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. E. Bonner, the Committee recommended that the existing landfill site at Ballinacarrick, Ballintra, be extended, and that the Council proceed with planning and design work for same.
- On the proposal of Cllr. Maloney, seconded by Cllr. Blaney, the Committee recommended that the Council proceed with preliminary planning and design work for the Meenaboll site.
- On the proposal of Cllr. Slowey, seconded by Cllr. McGinley, the Committee recommended that the Council undertake a preliminary assessment of the site at Scalp Mountain.
- On the proposal of Cllr. Maloney, seconded by Cllr. Conaghan the Committee recommended that the Council continue its participation in the North West Region Cross Border Group, and to maintain under review the implications of a North West Regional Strategy for the Donegal Waste Management Plan.

A lengthy discussion followed, wherein Mr. Casey and Mr. Holohan responded to queries from the Committee in relation to the proposed landfill sites and the implementation of the Waste Management Plan in general. The main points arising from the discussion were as follows:

- Cllr. McGinley recommended that a 25-mile radius "cap" be placed on acceptance of waste at any landfill i.e. waste should only be accepted from locations within a 25-mile radius of the site.
- Cllr. J. McHugh expressed concern at the condition of the roads leading into the proposed site at Meenaboll, and he recommended that funding be sought to upgrade same.
- Cllr. D. Mc Hugh stated that he believed the burden of having a landfill in an area should be evenly carried throughout the county, and that no one region should be over-burdened, which Cllr.D McHugh believed would be the case if these landfill sites are not advanced simultaneously.
- The Committee requested that all other aspects of the Waste Management Plan be progressed, in tandem with the provision of the landfill sites, with specific reference to recycling and the elimination of illegal dumping.
- Members requested that the possibility of the Council acquiring mobile recycling units, similar to those used in other local authorities, be investigated.

- Members of the Inishowen Electoral Area expressed their concern in relation to problems being experienced at the Civic Amenity Site in Carndonagh. Members referred to increases in the charges at the site, which members had not been informed about and which had created many problems. Mr. J. Holohan advised that charges at the site in Carndonagh were brought to the same level as charges imposed by private collectors, in order to avoid competition between the Council and private collectors. However, Mr. Holohan advised that if members were not in agreement with this strategy, the matter could be reviewed. Members referred to other problems at the Carndonagh Civic Amenity Site, e.g. signage. Mr. J. Holohan agreed to investigate all issues raised.
- Clr. Conaghan expressed concern at the estimated cost of €350,000 per site for preliminary design and planning work for the proposed new landfill sites, as stated in the report from Mr. J. Holohan, which had been circulated with the agenda. He recommended that relevant officials revert to members as soon as possible after preliminary investigations, and that costs be kept to a minimum.

Following some further discussion, it was agreed that members of the Glenties and Milford Electoral Areas would visit the proposed landfill site at Meenaboll with the relevant officials, after which the matter would be discussed at the Electoral Area Committee Meetings, before entering the public domain.

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PRESENTATION

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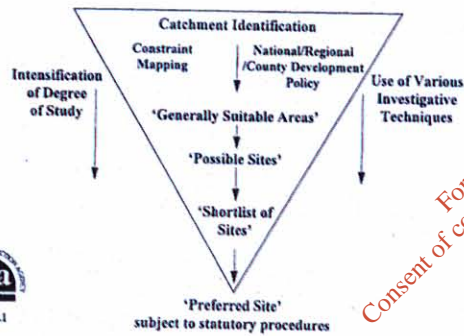


Landfill Site Selection
Donegal County Council

Landfill Site Selection

- The process of site selection of new landfills must begin with establishing what criteria are to be used in the selection process.
 - The EPA has produced Draft Site Selection guidelines on how the site selection process should be carried out and what criteria should be involved. These Guidelines are the basis for the approach now being taken by Donegal County Council.
 - The Guidelines set out a decision making pathway the first stage of which is the formation of a constraint study
- A Constraint Study effectively sets out to establish areas of the County where the development of a landfill is less likely to occur than others
- It does not exclude any such areas but establishes a series of preferences.

Landfill Site Selection
PHASED APPROACH



Introduction to Constraints on Landfill Site Selection

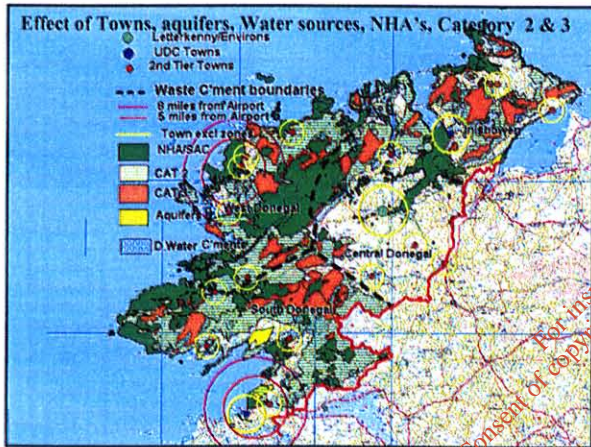
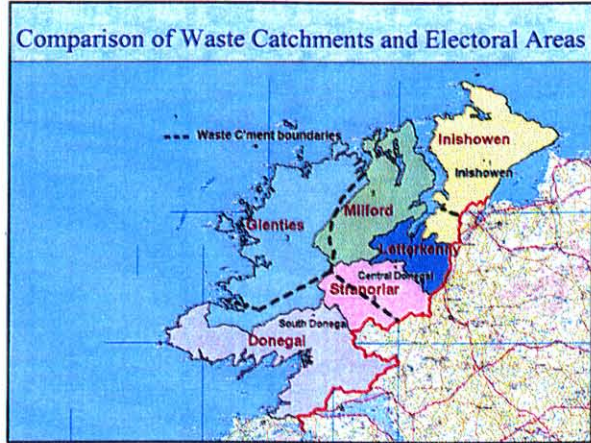
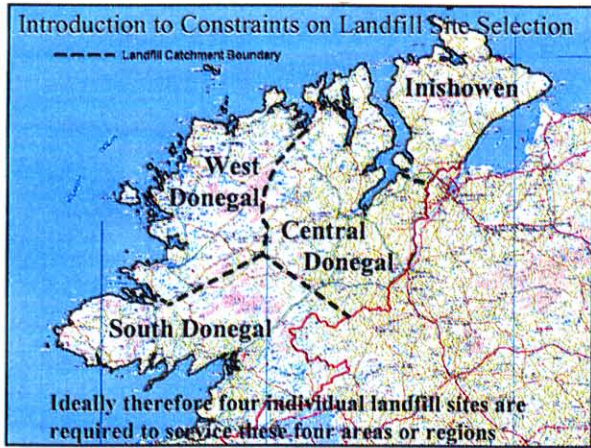
- There are many factors that act as constraints on the decision making in landfill site selection
- They can be broadly divided into two main categories.
- The first can be associated with the decisions we make as a society in which we seek to develop a lifestyle that is both sustainable and sustaining to us as individual members of that society. Issues such as NHA and SAC designated areas are in this category
 - The second relates more directly to the physical world and environment we find ourselves living in.

Introduction to Constraints on Landfill Site Selection

- NHA /SAC
- Category 3 County development plan
- Category 2 County development plan
- Category 1 County development plan
- Proximity to developments
- Water catchments
- Aquifers
- Airports
- Monuments/Sacred sites
- Protected species of Flora/Fauna
- Coastal Areas
- Roads
- Electricity
- Public acceptance

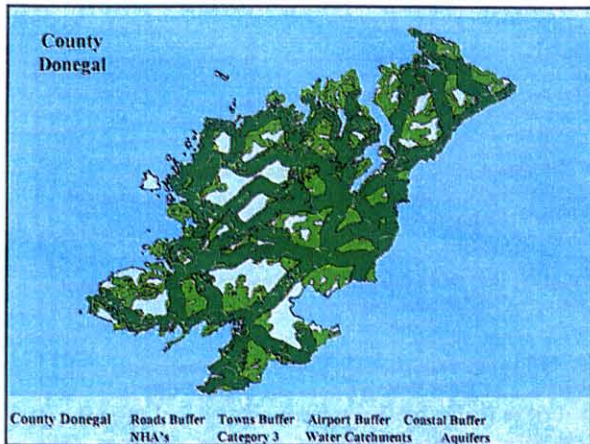
Landfill Site Selection

- In the waste management plan it was also decided to develop regional landfills as opposed to 1 large landfill or "superdump"
- We must therefore look at the County and see how best it can be divided into regions each served by a landfill.
- The following map shows a first approximation to such regions. The final borders between regions will be blurred in reality but it is expected that they will not differ significantly from those displayed on the next map.

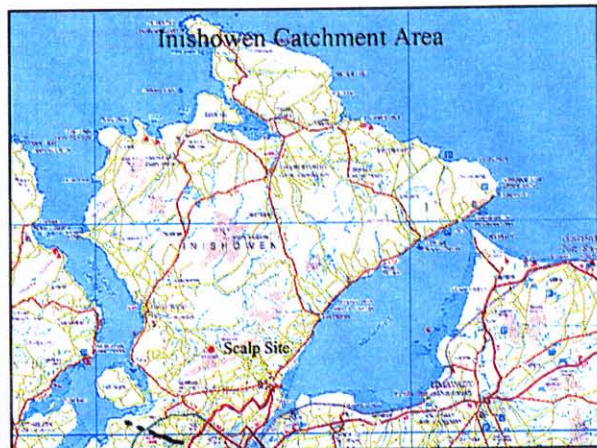
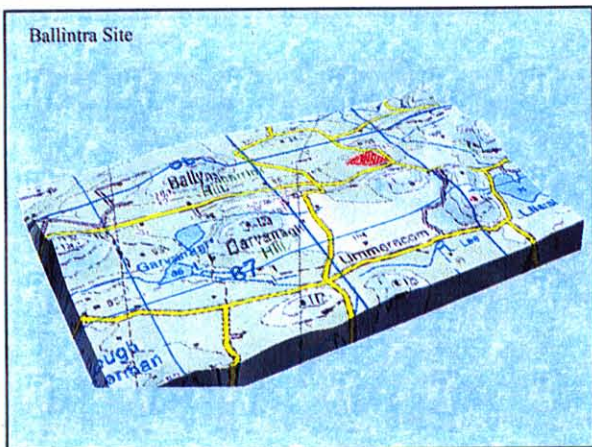
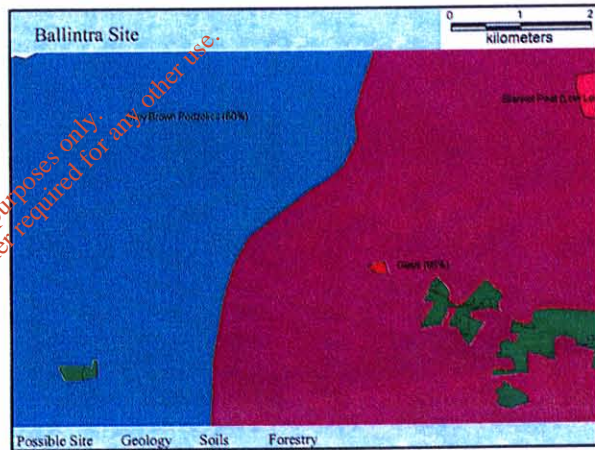
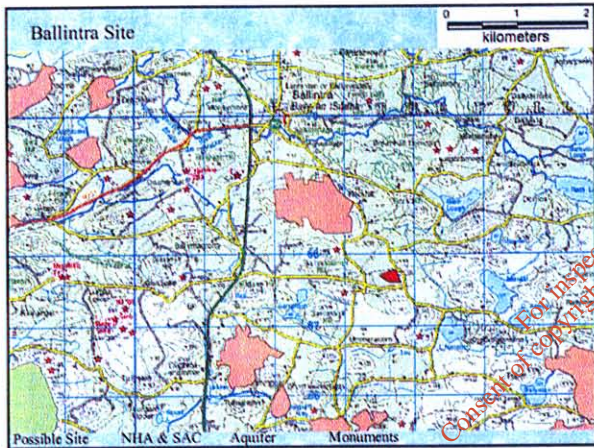
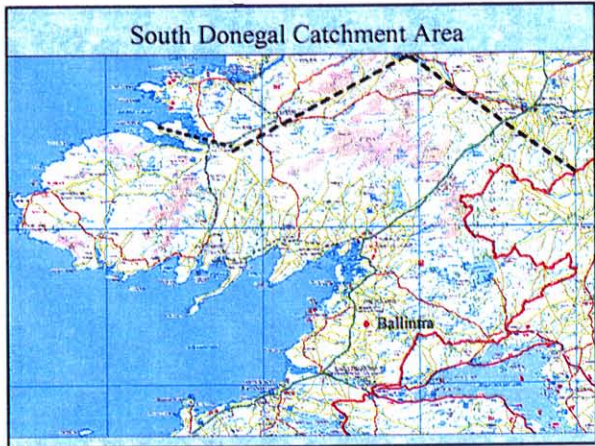


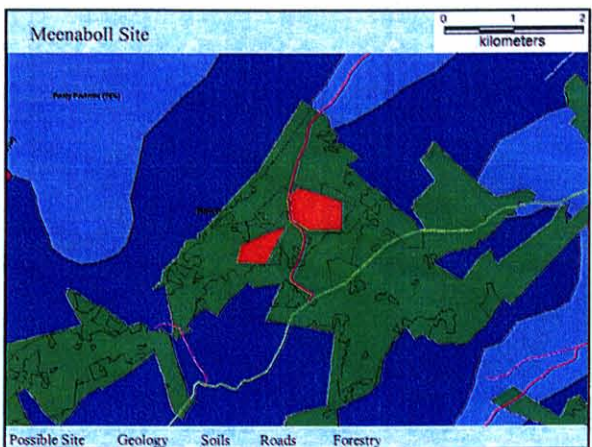
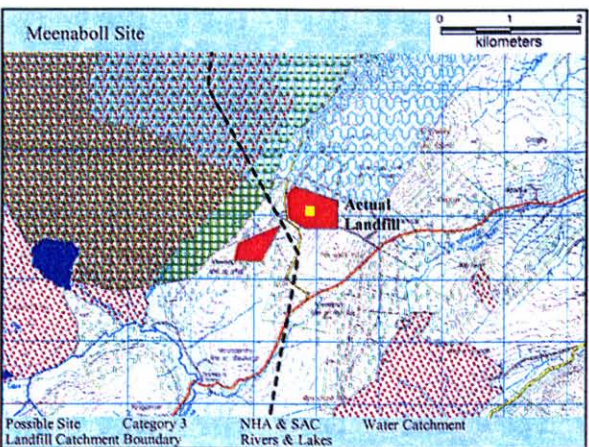
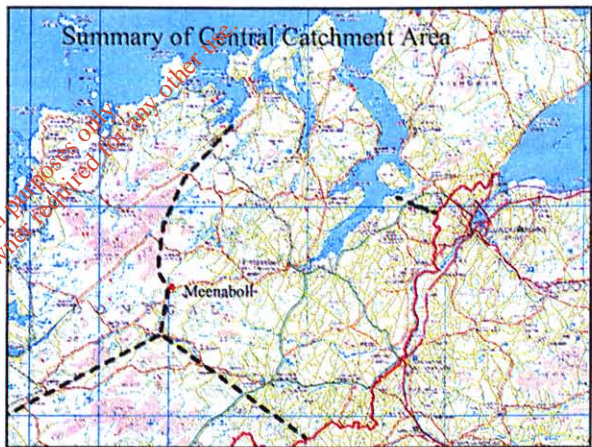
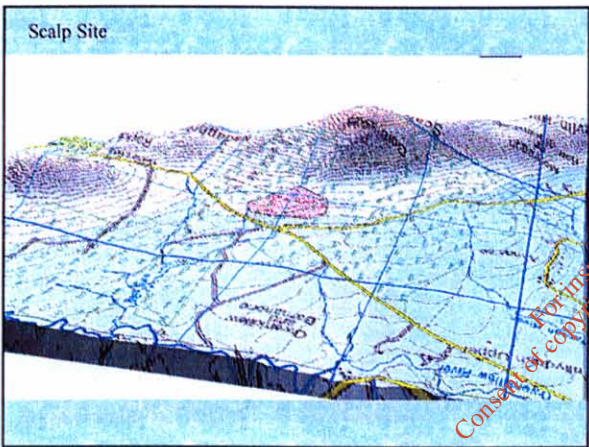
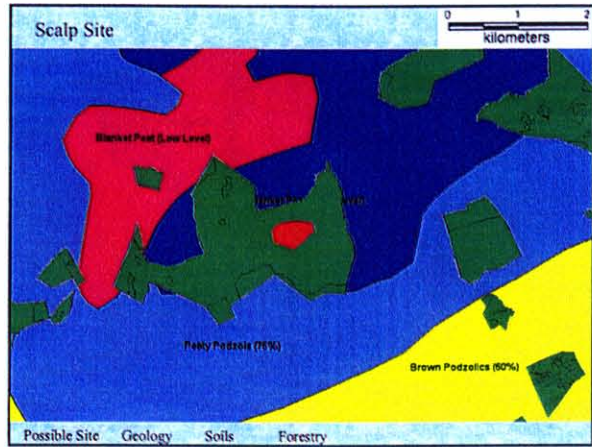
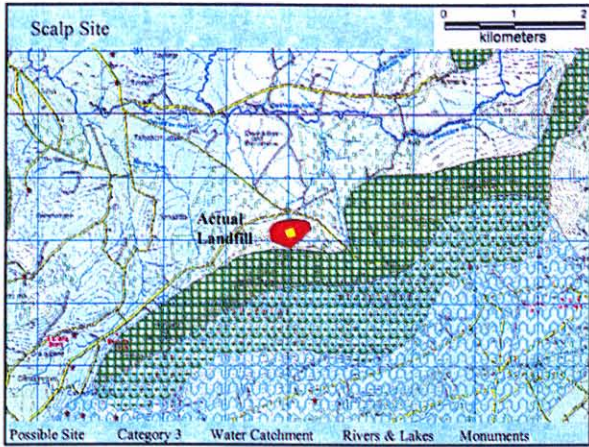
Introduction to Constraints on Landfill Site Selection

- Using the GIS techniques the following slides show how the various stages of the GIS based selection process contributes to the decision making process itself.
- Buffer zones around particular features are applied where it is both desirable and not so desirable to site landfills.
- The next slide shows how the application of the buffer zone technique indicate the desired locations for landfill site development within County Donegal.



When we take a more detailed look at the constraints set out in the previous slides, and include other factors such as housing, population dispersion, access, and ground availability, the following areas are emerging as possibly suitable for the new generation of landfills in County Donegal





Meenaboll Site



Summary

- Carry out planning and design work for:
 - Ballinacarrick
 - Meenaboll
- Carry out preliminary planning for:
 - Scalp site
- Continue investigation and seek alternatives for West Donegal.
- Maintain contact with North West Regional Cross Border Group

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