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## Re: Clarification on Cornposting Proposal

Dear Mr. Byrne,

Following your request for clarification on the composting proposed please refer to the following:

## Quantities of Composting Biowastes

Currently the VCU composting that the facility consists of 4 cells, each with a capacity of approximately 25-30 tonne of material. Harvesting of material consists of 18% of the unit daily (9% permarvesting; 2 harvests per day). It is anticipated that the maximum quantity in tonnes of biowaste that will be held at the facility is approximately 120 – 150 tonnes.

Midland Waste Disposal Company Ltd are currently engaging with the Department of Agriculture & Food in relation to their composting proposals. Following agreement with the agency, there is a provision for the installation of 4 new cells at the facility. This will increase the volumes of compost held at the facility to a maximum of 300 tonnes per week.

This increase in composting and thus recycling rates at the facility are inline with Midland Waste Disposal Company Ltd's Environmental Monitoring Programme, the North East Region Waste Management Plan and government policy in the reduction of wastes to landfill. It is anticipated when the composting unit is operating to its maximum potential, ca. 30% of municipal waste accepted at the facility can be diverted from disposal at landfill.

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## Site Layout Map

Please find attached a copy of the site layout map with the boundary marked in red.

I trust you find this in order.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Midland Waste Disposal Company Ltd.

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