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## RE: <u>Intention to apply for a Review of Waste Licence (WO146-02) for Knockharley Landfill</u>

Dear Sir/Madam

Fehily Timoney & Company Ltd (FTC) acting on behalf of Greenstar North East Limited wishes to inform the EPA that Greenstar North-East intends to apply for a review of waste licence WO146-02 for Knockharley Landfill. The facility is located in Knockharley, Navan, County Meath (including the townlands of Tuiterath and Flemingstown).

A review of the waste licence will be undertaken in respect of the following:

- To develop and operate a biological waste treatment facility of up to 90,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of non-hazardous municipal solid waste and source-separated biological waste using anaerobic digestion (AD) followed by aerobic maturation/composting as its core technology. This will be developed in two modules each for the treatment of 45,000 tpa of the organic fraction of municipal solid waste.
- To safeguard the long term needs of the North East Region through increasing the capacity of the existing permitted landfill by deepening the remaining cells (Phase nos. 4, 5, 6 & 7) and other design modifications to the existing landfill footprint.
- To provide for future pre-treatment of soils prior to land-filling or recovery.
- To accept stable non-reactive hazardous waste (e.g. bound asbestos) and incinerator bottom ash for disposal at landfill. In accordance with EPA guidance, this would require a separate working face/sub-cell.

With respect to planning consent, Greenstar recently concluded pre-application discussions with An Bord Pleanála regarding the above and the Board has determined that the proposed development is strategic infrastructure and that an application for permission must be made directly to the Board.

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If permitted, the proposed development will;

- reduce both the quantity and biodegradability of the organic fraction of municipal solid waste in accordance with the Landfill Directive 1999/31/EC and the EPA Pre-Treatment & Residuals Management Guidance 2009;
- recover biogas in a more efficient manner for the sustainable production of energy (electricity and heat);
- reduce the potential environmental nuisance caused by the land-filling of biodegradable waste such as odours, landfill gas generation, etc.;
- provide necessary residual landfill capacity for the North-East and Dublin Waste Management Regions in the short term and the North East Waste Management Region in the long term.

Greenstar has instructed Fehily Timoney & Company (FTC) to prepare documents to support a planning application to An Bord Pleanála and a waste licence review application for submission to the EPA. These applications will be accompanied by an environmental impact statement (EIS).

Under the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004 [S.I. 395 of 2004] Article 12, sub-article (3)(a)(iii) an application for a review of a waste licence shall -

"include the information specified in subarticle (1) and such plans, documents and particulars as are specified under sub-article (4) to the extent and such manner as may be specified in writing by the Agency"

All such data will be provided in the review application documentation to be submitted to the EPA. The modification of the existing landfill footprint and temporary increase in waste acceptance will not significantly alter the existing management, infrastructure and operation of the facility. However, the proposed waste treatment infrastructure will be additional to existing infrastructure and operations onsite.

It is proposed that this waste licence review will focus on the areas of the facility (infrastructure/operations) that will be additional to existing or altered due to the proposed development. Where no alteration to the existing infrastructure or practices is required, this will be stated in the review application documentation and no further information will be provided.

We would appreciate a written response to this letter outlining any other information required by the Agency, to be included in the waste licence review application.

Yours faithfully

Declan O'Sullivan

for and on behalf of Fehily Timoney & Company

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Figure 1 Site Location Map Figure 2 Site Layout Map



