

Extract from the Minutes of the 676th Licensing Meeting of the Environmental Protection Agency, held on 23 November 2010 at Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co Wexford

5. Recommended Decision on an Application for a Waste Licence

**Licensee: Lennon Quarries Limited
Tallagh
Belmullet
Co Mayo**

Register of Licence No: W0256-01

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use that the Agency approve the Recommended Decision to grant a Waste Licence. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Decision; summary report of the Inspector dated 22 April 2010; addendum to the Inspector's Report dated 28 June 2010; second addendum to the Inspector's Report dated 12 July 2010 and one Third Party submission. The Directors noted that they had previously considered this application at their meeting of 11 May 2010 and 13 July 2010 and had deferred their decision pending clarification of issues raised at the meeting.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

Frank Clinton gave a verbal presentation.

Inspector's Report

The Directors noted the Inspector's Reports.

Having regard to the proposed timescale for the activity, the proposal to allow the site to revegetate naturally, the proposal to leave the settlement ponds in place after cessation of activity, the absence of any proposed change of use of the site, and the absence of a demonstrated benefit for the land from the deposit of waste on the site, the Directors considered that the purpose of the proposed activity is the disposal of waste, and not the recovery of waste, and would not, therefore, be in accordance with the licence application. In the absence of any proposal addressing the disposal of waste on the site, the Directors were not satisfied that such disposal would not cause environmental pollution and decided to issue a Proposed Decision to refuse to grant a licence.

In reaching this decision the Directors considered the application for a licence and the supporting documentation received from the applicant, all submissions received from other parties, the objectives of the Connaught Waste Management Plan 2006 – 2011 and the report of the Inspector.