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Re: Notice in accordance with Article 14(2)(b)(ii) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations

Dear Mr Shiels

I am to refer to the above referenced application for a waste licence relating to a facility at Sand & Gravel Merchants Ltd, Thornberry Hill, Co. Kildare. Having examined the documentation submitted, I am to advise that the Agency is of the view that the documentation does not comply with Article 12 of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations.

You are therefore requested, in accordance with Article 14(2)(b)(ii) of the regulations, to supply the information detailed below:

ARTICLE 12 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Undertake a screening for Appropriate Assessment and state whether the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s), in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site(s).

Where it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective scientific information, following screening for Appropriate Assessment, that an activity, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European Site, the applicant shall provide a Natura Impact Statement, as defined in Regulation 2(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations (S.I. No. 477 of 2011). Where based on the screening it is considered that an Appropriate Assessment is not required, a reasoned response should be provided.

You are furthermore advised to refer to the document '*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities*', issued in 2009 by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and revised in 2010. This document is available at:

http://www.npws.ie/publications/archive/NPWS_2009_AA_Guidance.pdf.

Your reply to this notice should include a revised non-technical summary which reflects the information you supply in compliance with the notice, insofar as that information impinges on the non-technical summary.

In the case where any drawings already submitted are subject to revision consequent on this request, a revised drawing should be prepared in each case. It is not sufficient to annotate the original drawing with a textual correction. Where such revised drawings are submitted, provide a list of drawing titles, drawing numbers and revision status, which correlates the revised drawings with the superseded versions.

Please supply the information in the form of a one (1) original plus one (1) copy in hardcopy format within 6 weeks of the date of this notice. In addition please submit two (2) copies of the requested information in electronic searchable PDF format on a CD-ROM to the Agency. Please note that all maps/drawings should not exceed A3 in size.

Please note that the application's register number is W0264-01. Please direct all correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, *Licensing Unit, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford* quoting the register number.

Yours sincerely,



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Environmental Licensing Programme