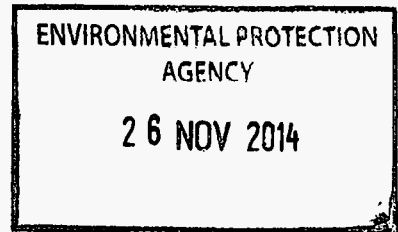


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Kildare County Council



25th November, 2014

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**Re. : Application for a Certificate of Authorisation for a closed landfill at
Pollardstown Refuse Depot, Loughbrown, The Curragh, Co. Kildare.
Application Register Number : HO228-01.**

A Chara,

I refer to your letters dated 2nd September 2014 and 10th November 2014 re. the above and would respond as follows to the queries raised therein.

Point 1 : The complaint reference Ballastpit, Pollardstown-PAE2014/34 notified by the Agency to the Council on the 7th April, 2014 refers to the same site as Pollardstown Refuse Depot in the application for a Certificate of Authorisation.

Point 2 : As the site is used by the Transportation Section of the Council as a Roads Depot, information was obtained from existing and former staff in relation to the site from the 1990's.

Street sweepings from Newbridge town had been disposed of at the depot during the 1990's, but an instruction was given to cease this practice in the late 1990's. From that time street sweepings were placed in a skip in Newbridge and disposed of to Silliot Hill landfill, which was now the central landfill for the county, as the former refuse tips in the county incl. Pollardstown, were then closed landfills. Material from local road and footpath maintenance may have gone to the depot up to the early 2000's. Since that time on occasion similar type material may have been deposited on site, however, if this did occur, it would not have involved the disposal of significant amounts of material and in recent years material was removed from the site and the overall site tidied up.


The above is borne out by the results of the Tier 2 and Tier 3 environmental risk assessments carried out on the site during 2010. The detailed and extensive site investigations showed no level of methane or carbon dioxide in the 30 no. gas monitoring locations on the site and concluded that there was no evidence of impact on Pollardstown Fen from the site.

The Council have also carried out regular site visits and undertake ongoing monitoring of the groundwater boreholes at the site, which show no evidence of pollution from the site.

The Council is anxious to implement, as soon as possible, the remaining site remediation measures specified in the Tier 3 Report, i.e. planting of native trees and re-profiling of the surface and request that the application submitted for a certificate of authorisation be processed.

If you have any further queries re the above, please contact the undersigned.

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