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Reg No. W0262-01

re: Objection to the proposed decision of the Agency on a waste licence application by Kiernan Sand & Gravel Limited in respect of a facility at Kiernan Sand & Gravel Ltd, Foxtown, Summerhill, Co. Meath,

Dear Mr Sheils,

I refer to the above referenced waste licence application and in particular to request for an oral hearing which the board of the Agency considered at its meeting of the 1st March 2016.

Under the Waste Management Acts the Agency has an absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in relation to an objection. The Board of the Agency decided not to hold an oral hearing in this case.

In light of this decision the Board of the Agency wishes to assure you that the refusal of your request for an oral hearing does not mean that your objection will receive any less consideration than where a hearing is granted. They also wish to advise that the Technical Committee will deal with your objection in a professional and impartial manner.

The Technical Committee will prepare a report and recommendations having taken into account all the issues raised in your objection. The Board of the Agency will consider your objection together with the report and recommendations of the Technical Committee before making a final decision. This decision will be made as soon as possible and without undue delay. Once the final decision is made you will be notified at the earliest possible date.

The decisions of the Agency are based on objective and independent evaluation of all the issues raised by all parties to a licence application. The Agency is committed to openness, fairness and transparency in its decision making process and I can assure you that you will have access to all documentation in relation to this licence application including the report and recommendations of the technical committee and the final decision.

Please note that the register number assigned to this waste licence application is W0262-01. Please address all correspondence in relation to this matter to the *Licensing Unit, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford* quoting the register number.

Yours sincerely,

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