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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY

**Environmental Licensing Programme Memorandum**

<b>To:</b>	Director
<b>FROM:</b>	Ewa Babiarczyk
<b>C.C:</b>	Frank Clinton
<b>DATE:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
<b>RE:</b>	Request for withdrawal of a waste licence review application from <b>Wicklow County Council</b> for a facility at <b>Pretty Bush Waste Soils Recovery Facility</b> , Kilquade, Townland of Priestsnewtown (& Knockroe), Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow, licence application register number <b>W0294-01</b> .

Wicklow County Council submitted a waste licence application on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

A site visit was undertaken on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The following aspects of the facility were observed: the site entrance and the adjoining yard, the restricted access to rest of the facility due to growing bushes and the surroundings of the site.

A planning application for the facility (planning reference 27.JA0037) was made to An Bord Pleanála on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016. On the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the Board decided to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Regarding third party submissions, 18 submissions have been received on the application.

Submission No. 14 received on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 from Cllr. Tom Fortune states that waste was previously deposited in parts of the site. The deposited materials may contain hazardous materials, cars, electric cable pipes, paint cans, oil drums, concrete, metals, tiles, skip bags and sewer pipes. The submission further states that tarmac/bitumen products are currently stored on the top of the landfilled materials. A related complaint was previously brought to the attention of the OEE and correspondence took place with Wicklow County Council. We have recently consulted OEE on the matter raised in the submission and recommend that the submission is forwarded to OEE for further investigation.

### **Withdrawal of application**

In a letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Wicklow County stated its desire to withdraw the licence application W0294-01.

I consider this withdrawal should be consented to for the following reasons:

- the application on hand cannot proceed due to lack of planning permission.

## Recommendations

I recommend that the licence application be deemed to have been withdrawn in accordance with regulation 21(1) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004, as amended.

Furthermore, I recommend that submission outlined above is forwarded to the Office of Environmental Enforcement for investigation.

Signed



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Inspector  
Office of Environmental Sustainability