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Environmental Licensing Programme Memorandum	
To:	Dr. Eimear Cotter – Director OES
FROM:	Brian Meaney, Environmental Licensing Programme
DATE:	26 October 2017
RE:	Application by Kerry County Council for extension of duration of waste licence register number W0224-01 in respect of a proposed civic amenity facility at Tanavalla Industrial Estate, Listowel.

Correspondence dated 6 June 2017 was received from Kerry County Council in relation to the proposed facility mentioned above. The facility was originally licensed by the EPA in 2006 but the facility was not built and, consequently, the licence would have expired in December 2009 in the normal course of events. Since that time, Kerry County Council have sought five 2-year extensions to the period of the licence, in 2009, in 2011, in 2013, in 2015 and now. The licence will expire on 21 December 2017 if it is not extended again. The facility has still not been built and is proposed to be located in an industrial estate on the main road to Tralee some 2.5km from the square in Listowel.

In its extension requests, Kerry County Council has time and again emphasised the importance of developing this civic amenity site. It will fill a gap in public infrastructure in North Kerry and help to meet the targets of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan. The facility has not been developed despite efforts of the Council's officials and there remains local opposition to the development of the facility.

The waste licence authorises the acceptance of up to 12,750 tonnes of waste including up to 83 tonnes of household hazardous waste. Accidental emissions aside, the only routine discharge will be stormwater. Uncontaminated stormwater will be passed through a silt trap and interceptor before being discharged into a local watercourse which leads within 1km to the River Feale which forms part of the River Shannon SAC. This stormwater emission will be monitored biannually under the licence. I have carried out a screening for appropriate assessment and this is documented separately. Contaminated rainwater and sanitary effluent will be treated at the facility and the treated effluent dispatched for disposal at a waste water treatment plant. The licence provides for measures to prevent noise, odour and other emissions and nuisances. Overall the licence does not appear to need review or reconsideration.

Recommendation

It remains unclear whether Kerry County Council will be successful in its efforts to build the facility. Rather than bring about the need for a new licence application should these efforts prove successful in 2018 and 2019, I recommend a further two-year extension to the licence in accordance with the provisions of section 49(2)(b) of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.

Signed



Brian Meaney

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