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Mr Brian Meaney Senior Inspector OCLR EPA Johnston Castle Estate Co. Wexford

20th November, 2017

## Ref:- Application for Technical Amendment to Waste Licence W0090-01

Dear Mr Meaney,

I refer to the above Licence Change Request submitted to the Agency on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017, whereby Donegal County Council requested a technical amendment to the Licence for Balbane Landfill Site near Killybegs. This Licence Change Request was made in order to facilitate the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) in its consideration of alternative proposals for remediation of Balbane Landfill Site near Killybegs.

The Agency has communicated its concern to Donegal County Council that this facility remains the one unrestored, closed, licensed lands within County Donegal requiring that restoration proceeds as a matter of urgency. A proposed scope of work has been with the OEE since August 2016 for consideration. Exceptional funding was granted to the Council on that basis by the Department of Communication Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) for 2017. Due to the delay associated with this Licence Change Request the Council has not been able to avail of these funds.

The Council requests that the technical amendment be considered and adjudicated on as soon as possible in order that the OEE can proceed with consideration of the scope of works and finance can once again be requested and scheduled with the DCCAE. The Council is concerned that there could be a risk of losing the exceptional funding if there are further delays in progressing the project. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

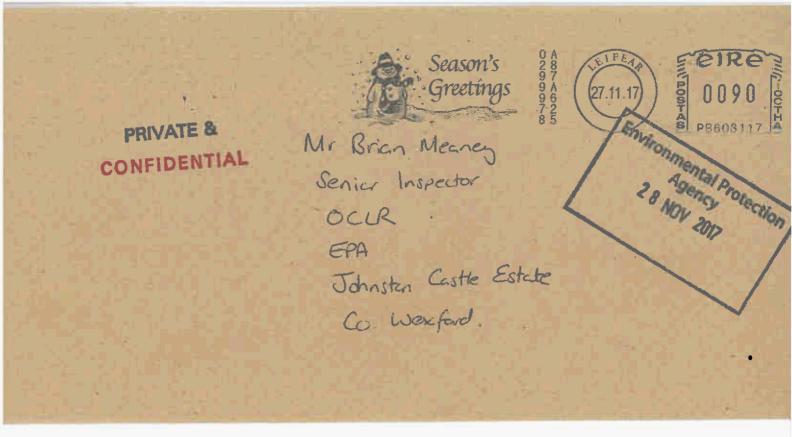
Yours sincerely,

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