

Our Ref: 01.JA0032

Your Ref:

Richard McGrath
Health Service Executive
A/Principal Env. Health Officer
St. Canice's Hospital
Lacken, Dublin Road
Kilkenny

3rd April 2012

Re: Continued operation of landfilling activities and an increase in waste acceptance at Powerstown Landfill, Powerstown, Co. Carlow.


Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with conditions.

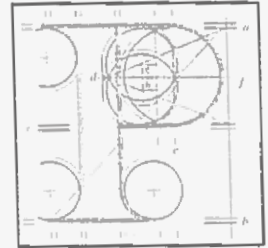
Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,


Sinead McInerney
Executive Officer
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**STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT/
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Case No: JACO32

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Date: 26th March 2012
Name: An Bórd Pleanála
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PL _____	St. Dymphna's Hospital, Athy Road, Carlow, Ireland.

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**Re: Application to an Bórd Pleanála for
Approval of a Strategic Infrastructure Development - Continued use and
increased waste acceptance at Powerstown Landfill, Powerstown, Co. Carlow.**

Telephone 059 9136574
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed the HSE consultation report in relation to the above proposal.

If you have any queries regarding any of these reports, the initial contact is: Richard McGrath, A/Principal Environmental Health Officer, who will refer your query to the appropriate person.

Environmental Health Report:

The Environmental Health service response to the proposal is in the attached consultation report.

- The assessment is based (solely) on an assessment of documentation submitted to this office on 16th February 2012 by Mr. Gavin McGuire.
- Site visits were conducted on 17th August 2011 and on 26th March 2012.
- A meeting was held on 17th August 2011 with Mary Walsh, Deputy Landfill Manager, and on 26th March 2012 with Fergus Mulhare, Landfill Manager.
- Additional Information was provided on 26th March 2012.
- Environmental Health were included at the Screening / Scoping stage of this application
- All commitments to future actions including mitigation and further testing have been taken as read and all data results have been accepted as accurate.
- No additional investigations / measurements were undertaken.
- This report refers only to those sections of the documents which are relevant to the HSE.



- We have made observations and submissions under the following specific areas:
 - Human Beings
 - Noise.

All correspondence or any queries with regard to this report including acknowledgement of this report should be forwarded to Richard McGrath, A/Principal Environmental Health Officer, St. Canice's Hospital, Lacken, Dublin Road, Kilkenny.

Yours sincerely,

pp. Tracy Morris
Richard McGrath
Principal Environmental Health Officer

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HSE EIS SUBMISSION REPORT
Environmental Health Service Consultation Report
*(as a Statutory Consultee (Planning and Development Acts 2001,
& Regs made thereunder).*

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Report to: An Bórd Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St., Dublin 1.

Type of consultation: EIS Scoping Screening (constraints)
Other (please specify) _____

Planning Authority: An Bórd Pleanála

Reference Number: JA 0032

Applicant: Carlow County Council.



Proposed Development: Continued operation of landfilling activities and an increase in waste acceptance at Powerstown Landfill, Powerstown, Co. Carlow.

1. General Introduction:

This report only comments on Environmental Health (EH) Impacts of the proposed development as outlined in this EIS and the adequacy of the EIS from an Environmental Health viewpoint. We have made observations and submissions on the following specific Environmental Health areas:

1. Public Consultation:

No evidence that the applicant has undertaken meaningful public consultation with the local community/residents could be identified in the Environmental Impact Statement. In the experience of the Environmental Health Service, early and effective consultation with affected communities reduces the likelihood of future complaints, particularly around areas that could be potential nuisances, for example odour, noise, dust generation.

2. Noise:

The Environmental Impact Statement does not assess the existing impact from noise at the facility, nor does it predict the impact, including accumulative impacts, from noise at noise sensitive locations from the proposal to increase the receiving of waste from 40,000 to 50,000 tonnes per annum.



In order to predict the impact (if any) and significance of the impact from noise generated by current activities and from the proposed activities, the following is recommended:

- a) a baseline noise assessment is carried out that characterises the noise environment without any activities from the site,
- b) a noise assessment is carried out of the impact of current activities,
- c) a noise assessment is carried out on the predicted impact of the proposed increase in activities for the site. This should include accumulative impact assessment to include the existing activities.

The Environmental Health Service does not consider the baseline noise environment to be the noise environment with existing activities but the noise environment without activities from the site.

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