Our Ref: 2085

Re: Scoping Opinion under Article 5(2) of Directive 2014/52/EU (EIA Directive) Knockharley Landfill Limited, Kentstown, Co Meath

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to the scoping request for Knockharley Landfill Limited, received by the Agency on 3 April 2018. In accordance with the requirements of Article 5 (2) of Directive 2014/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, the Agency has consulted with the Planning Authority, Meath County Council and the Health Services Executive and I attach copies of the responses received for your information.

Having regard to the specific characteristics of the project, including location and technical capacity, and likely impact on the environment, the Agency is of the opinion that the scope and level of detail to be included in the environmental impact assessment report should as a minimum:

- (i) identify, describe and assess in an appropriate manner, in light of each individual case, the direct and indirect significant effects of the project on each of the factors listed in Article 3 of the Directive 2014/52/EU;
- (ii) address the matters raised in the response received from the HSE attached;
- (iii) have regard to the requirements of the draft Guidelines on the information to be contained in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, as appropriate;
- (iv) have regard to the relevant topics contained in the EPA's Advice Notes on Current Practice (in the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements) September 2003;
- (v) satisfy the requirements of Directive 2014/52/EU.

For all further queries and correspondence relating to planning and EIA matters, please contact <u>eiaplanning@epa.ie</u>

Yours sincerely,

Leo Sweeney

Office of Environmental Sustainability Environmental Protection Agency