

Oliver Gray,
Inspector Environmental Enforcement,
For the attention of:
Environmental Licensing Programme,
Office of Environmental Sustainability,
PO Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co Wexford.

07th July 2020

RE: W0232-02: Licence Review for Dublin Waste to Energy Limited, Pigeon House Road, Poolbeg Peninsula, Dublin 4, Dublin, D04N2P2

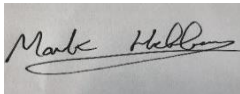
Dear Mr. Gray,

I refer to the application for a Waste License Review submitted by Dublin Waste to Energy (DWTE) and received by the Agency on the 27th of June 2019 and the subsequent correspondence received from the Agency on the 19th of December 2020 requesting evidence of planning permission for the additional 90,000 tonnes or confirmation from An Bord Pleanala that additional Planning Permission is not required.

Following, evaluation by several planning experts and legal advice the conclusion has been reached that planning permission will need to be applied for. The planning application process has now commenced with a planning application expected to be submitted to An Bord Pleanala in August of this year. This will include the submission of an EIAR. A copy of the EIAR will be submitted to the EPA along with a revised non-technical summary.

It is the understanding of DWTE that where an application for a license is made to the EPA in respect of an activity that involves development or proposed development for which a grant of permission is required, planning permission must already exist, or an application for permission must be under consideration by the planning authority or the Board, before the application to the EPA can be considered. With this mind, and given the critical nature of the facility to the waste management infrastructure in Ireland, it is hoped that the Agency will assess the License review application whilst the Planning Permission assessment is ongoing, although it is recognized that a final decision on the License review cannot be made until the planning permission has been decided.

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Heffernan,
Environmental Manager,
COVANTA Europe Operations Limited on behalf of
Dublin Waste to Energy Limited.