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From: Anne Doyle <adoyle@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Sent: Monday 28 June 2021 14:25
To: jim@ocallaghanmoran.com
Cc: Hazel O'Shea
Subject: FW: Ormonde Organics Biological Treatment Plant Portlaw County Waterford

Dear Jim,

I refer to your email of 23rd June below and in particular the 3 no. planning permissions 11/392, 19/120 and 19/296 referenced in your email.

For context, the following is a brief summary of development granted under these planning permissions:

- PI Ref 11/392 - permission granted for the acceptance of new waste streams at the composting facility. The permission did not include any increase in amounts of waste accepted on site, i.e. the permitted maximum intake of 40,000 tonnes remained unchanged.
- PI Ref 19/120 - retention permission granted for modifications to permission granted under Pd 11/455 along with permission for airlock entrances to the existing composting building.
- PI Ref 19/296 - permission granted for additional developments to the existing composting and anaerobic digestion facility at the plant.

Based on the information submitted with these above mentioned planning applications, Waterford City and County Council considered the nature, size and location of the proposed developments in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 7 to the 2001 Regulations and was satisfied that an EIA was not required for any of these planning permissions. The assessment concluded that the proposed developments, either individually or cumulatively, would not give rise to any significant effects on the environment, which would require the preparation of an EIA.

Therefore, it is confirmed that the Planning Authority was satisfied and formed the opinion that an EIA was not required for planning applications 11/392, 19/120 and 19/296.

It is noted that an EIA was submitted under planning application 11/455 which involved an upgrade and extension of the existing composting facility and was deemed to be a development which comprised activities requiring an EIA.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Regards,

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From: Jim O'Callaghan [mailto:jim@ocallaghanmoran.com]
Sent: 23 June 2021 11:31
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Subject: Ormonde Organics Biological Treatment Plant Portlaw County Waterford

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ormonde Organics operates its biological treatment plant in Killowen, Portlaoise under planning permissions granted by the Council and an Industrial Emissions Licence issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). On 11th May 2021 the Council granted permission (20/761) for an extension to the treatment plant and an increase in the annual waste intake. Ormonde Organics subsequently applied to the EPA for a review of the Industrial Emissions Licence to accommodate the development. The EPA has requested 'confirmation in writing' from the Planning Authority that previous permissions granted for activities at the site did not require an Environmental Impact Assessment. In the absence of such 'confirmation in writing' the EPA will not accept the Industrial Emissions Licence review application and the development cannot proceed. The relevant permissions are 11/392; 19/120 and 19/296 and attached are the associated Planner Reports. Although the Planner Reports for 19/120 and 19/296 conclude that an EIA was not required for either application and set out the grounds for this conclusion, the EPA have informed us that this does not constitute 'confirmation in writing'. I would appreciate if the Council could confirm that Environmental Impact Assessments were not required for the three applications.

Regards,

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