

PUBLIC NOTICES

APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A WASTE LICENCE

Noel Lawler Sand & Gravel Ltd., with an address at Portersize, Ballitore, County Kildare, is applying to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Waste Licence for the operation of a waste recovery facility located at Lawler Quarry, in the townlands of Portersize and Timolin, Ballitore, County Kildare (Irish Grid Reference: 281145, 195234).

The nature of the development is the restoration of an existing and future quarry void (18.95 hectares) by importation of up to 100,000 tonnes per annum of inert soil and stone material (List of Waste Code 17 05 04), over a 20-year period.

The classes of activity, as specified in the Third and Fourth Schedule of the Waste Management Act, 1996 (as amended), are:

- R5 (Principal Activity) - Recycling/reclamation of other inorganic materials, which includes soil cleaning resulting in recovery of the soil and recycling of inorganic construction materials.
- R13 – Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage (being preliminary storage according to the definition of “collection” in section 5(1)), pending collection, on the site where the waste is produced).

The proposed development will utilise the existing quarry infrastructure including internal roads, site office, weighbridge, wheel-wash, welfare facilities and other ancillaries to complete the works. The construction of a soil quarantine area comprising an inspection shed (with floor area of approximately 180m² and 15m in height) and concrete hardstand is proposed for the west of the site. Minor upgrades to the existing drainage at the site entrance junction with the R747 are also proposed. Limited additional upgrade works are required to access roads, drainage and site buildings. The total application area including the site infrastructure covers an area of 18.95 hectares.

Kildare County Council issued notification of a decision to grant planning permission (Pl. Ref 20/1329) for the above development on the 14th of July 2021. Full details of the grant of planning permission including the planning inspectors report will be submitted to the EPA as part of the licence application.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) will be submitted to the EPA as part of the waste licence application. A copy of the EIAR was previously submitted to Kildare County Council as part of the application for planning permission for the proposed development (Pl. Ref 20/1329).

A copy of the EIAR and any opinion issued by the Agency on the scope of the report, including further information relating to the effects on the environment of the emissions from the activity, which may be furnished to the Agency in the course of the Agency's consideration of the application, will be available on the Agency's website and at the headquarters of the Agency as soon as is practicable after the receipt by the Agency.

A copy of the application for the licence may be inspected on the Agency's website or inspected at or obtained from the Headquarters of the Agency as soon as is practicable after the receipt by the Agency of the application for the licence.

If pursuant to Article 17 of the 2004 Waste Management Regulations, it appears to the Agency that the activity the subject of the application would, or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment in another Member State, the Agency shall as soon as may be after receipt of the said application, notify the appropriate competent authority in the Member State concerned.

Pursuant to Section 42 (2) of the Waste Management Act, 1996 (as amended) a draft decision shall be published by the Agency. The right to public participation is facilitated throughout the licencing process by way of a written submission to the Agency under Article 15 and the right to lodge an objection against a proposed decision under Section 42 (3) of the Act.