

Notice for Public Consultation on Appropriate Assessment

under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended

The EPA on 02 February 2022 issued an Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination to Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited for an installation located at Ashleigh House, Ballynameelagh, Cappagh, County Waterford, X35 T181 regarding an Industrial Emissions licence review application, Register Number P0447-02.

Classes and Nature of Activity in accordance with the EPA Act 1992 as amended			
Class of Activity	Main Activity	EPA Act Sector (where applicable)	Class of Activity Description
11.1	No	Waste	The recovery or disposal of waste in a facility, within the meaning of the Act of 1996, which facility is connected or associated with another activity specified in this Schedule in respect of which a licence or revised licence under Part IV is in force or in respect of which a licence under the said Part is or will be required.
6.2 (a)	Yes	Intensive Agriculture	The rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds - (a) 750 places for sows
6.2 (b)	No	Intensive Agriculture	The rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds - (b) 2,000 places for production pigs which are over 30kg

The application is to increase the number of production pigs permitted onsite in line with an increased efficiency of pig production, to regularise an anaerobic digester operating onsite, and to permit installation of a fallen animal incinerator for disposal of animal carcasses produced onsite.

The EPA has carried out an Appropriate Assessment Screening and has determined that an Appropriate Assessment <u>is required</u> for the activity. The applicant will be requested to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

The documents relating to the licence application, including the Appropriate Assessment documentation can be viewed on the EPA website at www.epa.ie or at EPA Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford (Tel: Lo Call 1890 33 55 99 or 053 9160600).

Submissions or observations on Appropriate Assessment concerning a licence application can be made to the Agency. Such submissions may be made for at least 30 days after publication of the following information on the Agency's website:

- This Notice for Public Consultation on Appropriate Assessment
- Natura Impact Statement received from applicant
- Additional information submitted on the Natura Impact Statement

Information on making submissions or observations and on the public participation process is available on the Agency's website.

The EPA shall publish its proposed determination (grant/refusal) on its website, and before making a final determination, the EPA shall consider any objections / submissions on objections. The final determination will also be published on the website.