



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 20 November 2018 issued an Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination to William Connolly & Sons Unlimited Company for an installation located at Grange Lower, Goresbridge, Kilkenny, R95 EKH4 regarding an Industrial Emissions licence application, Register Number P1069-01.

<u>Classes and Nature of Activity in accordance with the EPA Act 1992 as amended</u>			
Class of Activity	Main Activity	EPA Act Sector (where applicable)	Class of Activity Description
7.8 (a)(iii)	Yes	Food and Drink	<p>The treatment and processing, other than exclusively packaging, of the following raw materials, whether previously processed or unprocessed, intended for the production of food or feed from: animal and vegetable raw materials, both in combined and separate products, with a finished production capacity in tonnes per day greater than:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(I) 75 if A is equal to 10 or more; or (II) [300-(22.5 x A)] in any other case,</p> <p>Where 'A' is the portion of animal material (in percent of weight) of the finished product production capacity.</p>

The application is for the operation of an existing feed mill with a current capacity to process up to 200,000 tonnes per annum of animal feed. Animal Feed is manufactured at the installation predominantly for the equine industry with varying amounts for cattle and sheep. The installation will include grain, seed and raw material storage sheds and associated dryers; feed manufacturing buildings; vehicle maintenance garage and refuelling area; product distribution areas and vehicle parking; and an integrated constructed wetland (ICW) for the management of stormwater from the installation.

The EPA has carried out an Appropriate Assessment Screening and has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is required for the activity. The applicant has submitted 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.