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Mr. Neil Barry
On behalf of Milltown Composting Systems Ltd



08/05/ 2023

Reg. No. W0270-03

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Milltown Composting Systems Ltd in respect of the installation located at Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary, Tipperary, E91X8E8

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the installation located at Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary, Tipperary, E91X8E8.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, that the EPA has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

The application and all associated correspondence are available to view on the EPA website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

If you have any further queries, please contact licensing@epa.ie.

Yours faithfully,

Jennifer Cope

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Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	W0270-03
Applicant Name:	Milltown Composting Systems Ltd
Type of Consent Sought:	IEL
Location of installation:	Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary, Tipperary, E91X8E8
Licence Review Application Date:	03/03/2023
European Site(s) assessed:	Lower River Suir SAC (Site Code: 002137)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	08/05/2023

AA Screening Determination:

That the activity not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity was not required.

This determination has been made in light of the following reasons:

- The installation is not located within any European site;
- Due to the nature of noise emissions from the activity and the distance to European Sites and their qualifying interest. The nearest European site with species that may be noise sensitive is the Lower River Suir SAC, which is > 6 km south east of the installation. Due to its distance, this European site is considered beyond the zone of influence of noise emissions from the installation;
- Due to the nature of fugitive dust and odour emissions from the activity, and the distance to European sites and their qualifying interest habitats and species. The nearest European site is the Lower River Suir SAC, which is > 6 km south east of the installation.
- There are no process emissions to surface water or groundwater from the installation.
- The only discharge to water from the installation will be stormwater runoff from building and non-process hardstanding areas. Stormwater is discharged, via an Integrated Constructed Wetland and 1 km surface water drain, to the Stillimity Stream which is a tributary of the Moyle River. The Moyle River flows into the Lower River Suir Estuary, which is approximately

15 km downstream of the installation. As there is only a storm water discharge from the installation and due to the separation distance, it is considered that significant effects on European sites and their water dependant qualifying interests (habitats and species) can be ruled out.

- Given the nature and scale of emissions, it is considered that the activity in combination with other plans or projects will not have a significant effect on European sites.

Information in relation to European Sites is available on www.npws.ie

Documents relating to the licence review application are available on the Agency's website at www.epa.ie



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