

AGR5 Traffic hazard. Access details will be via the existing vehicular access, accordingly no issues in this regard.

AGR6 Threat to the water courses, aquifers or ground water: *no issues in this regard*

EIS requirement

Unsolicited further information submitted on behalf of the applicant on 17th January 2013. As detailed on submitted information (in addition to application details) the following is to be noted:

- As referenced by the submitted application the net effect of the proposed increase in gilt numbers (young female pigs) will result in an increase of 12% in the volume of slurry/waste generated from the site;
- Total Pig Nos. within the site will increase by 6.5%;
- Total feed usage and transport activities related to the site will increase by 14%.

Accordingly, having regard to the aforementioned details and the applicable thresholds as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations (2001) it is concluded that the proposed development does not fall within the defined threshold in respect of an EIS requirement for a development as proposed.

Specifically, as defined in the Planning and Development Regulations (2001) an EIS is not required to be submitted as part of the planning application in accordance with Schedule 5, Part (13)(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Regulations (2001) as the proposed development as resulting in less than 25% increase in activity/processes within the site.

Furthermore, having regard to Schedule 7 of the Planning and development Regulations (2001), the nature and scale of the development proposed and the likely implications of the construction works and related activities thereafter, it is considered that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Accordingly, an EIS is not considered necessary to accompany this planning application.

Other matters

- Appropriate Assessment/Screening

Under Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive and Regulation 30 of SI no. 94/1997 "European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations" (1997) any plan or project which has the potential to significantly impact of the integrity of a Natura 2000 site (ie. SAC or SPA) must be subject to an Appropriate Assessment.

This requirement is also detailed under Section 177(U) of the Planning and Development Acts (2000-2010).

- Notably there are no watercourses in proximity to the application site and no pathway connectors with any SPA's or SAC's. Having regard to the development as proposed and the activities associated with the development proposal both during construction works and post construction works it is therefore concluded that it is not necessary for an Appropriate Assessment to be carried out in relation to this development