



### Objection

Objector:	Mr Ken McGrath
Organisation Name:	Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited
Objector Address:	Ballinameela, Cappagh, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.
Objection Title:	Objection #OS011802 - Applicant objection for Reg No:[P0447-02]
Objection Reference No.:	OS011802
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Objector Type:	Applicant
Oral Hearing Requested?	No

### Application

Applicant:	Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited
Reg. No.:	P0447-02

See below for Objection details.

Attachments are displayed on the following page(s).



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12/12/2024

Ref: Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Ltd. No. P0447-02– Proposed Determination/Decision

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your correspondence of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024, in relation to the determination of the above referenced license and associated conditions.

We wish to make the following observations:

Condition	Description	Ashleigh Farms Observation
6.8.1 (& 6.8.2 to 6.8.5)	BioGas Flaring	This condition is noted. However, due to the very low volume of biogas produced per hour at the installation (~0.5 to 5m <sup>3</sup> /h), it is challenging to source a commercial flare that meets these flow rates and hence, complies with Conditions 6.8.2 to 6.8.5. Ashleigh Farms is currently engaging with our suppliers to source a suitable flare and equipment that meets the requirements of the Agency's conditions.
6.22.1(a)	Slurry storage structures height to diameter ratio	The condition is noted. This tank ratio indicated will be applied to all future slurry storage facilities. However, it is impractical (and cost prohibitive) to apply this requirement retrospectively to existing slurry stores.



6.22.1(c)	Coverage to external slurry & digestate stores.	Overground digester store (1,858m <sup>3</sup> volume, as per Service Layout (Rev 7) drawing) shall have a cover installed. However, the overground slurry store (1,136m <sup>3</sup> volume, as per Service Layout (Rev 7) drawing) is an older tank and it is not considered appropriate (structurally) to retrofit a cover to this tank.
12.1.1	Annual contribution	On 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024, Ashleigh Farms' annual contribution for the previous iteration of this license was €5,903. However, the contribution has increased to €8,497 in the current license version. Ashleigh Farms would be grateful for the Agency's clarification on the rationale for this ~44% increase.

Yours faithfully,  
Ken McGrath  
Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited