

Environmental Protection Agency
Johnstown Castle
Wexford
Y35 W821

Friday, 10 March 2023

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: SID application, containing an EIAR, for a proposed increase to the waste processing capacity at a waste processing facility at Millennium Business Park, Cappagh Road, Dublin 11

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Starrus Eco Holdings Ltd.¹ has retained Tom Phillips + Associates (Town Planning Consultants)², to issue to Fingal County Council copies of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application in relation to a proposed development at their existing waste facility at Millennium Business Park, Cappagh Road, Dublin 11.

The subject development proposes to increase the annual waste intake limit at the facility from 270,000 tonnes annually to 450,000 tonnes annually. This proposed increase would facilitate an expansion in the facility's recycling/recovery capacity to satisfy growing demand in the city.

The need to provide adequate resource recovery and processing facilities is accelerated by the recent publication of *A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy - Ireland's National Waste Policy 2020-2025*. This forward-looking document seeks to shift the focus from waste disposal and a linear economy to a circular economy where materials and products remain in productive use for longer.

Furthermore, there is significant concern that existing waste infrastructure is gradually being eroded through the rezoning of land in Local Authority Development Plans.

This letter is provided in accordance with ABP's direction to notify the prescribed bodies.

¹ Panda Waste Managements Solutions, Ballymount Road Upper, Dublin 24.

² 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02 F449.



2.0 CONCLUSION AND PLANNING PROCEDURE

The application comprises, *inter alia*:

- Statutory particulars including cover letter, application form, copies of notices, lists of prescribed bodies.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report.
- AA Screening.
- Planning Report/Cover Letter.
- Traffic & Transport Assessment.
- Planning Application drawings.

Please find attached your request for one digital copy of the above information. In addition, the application contents can be accessed at the following website: www.millparksid.ie

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission for the strategic infrastructure development as proposed; or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision; or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision; or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate. Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”), 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 during the seven weeks consultation period (commencing 10 March 2023) relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;
- ii. The likely effects on the environment of the Proposed Development; and
- iii. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on the integrity of a European Site if carried out.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies). Such submissions/observations must also include the following:

- I. The name of the person making the submission/observation, the name of the person acting on his/her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
- II. The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- III. The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the SID Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

Yours sincerely

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