

An Bord Pleanála,
64 Malborough Street,
Dublin,
D01 V902

3rd November 2021

MOR Ref: E1492

By Hand

Re: Sligo County Council: Proposed Public Park, Remediation and Restoration Works at Finisklin Closed Landfill

Application to An Bord Pleanála for approval under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

A Chara,

On behalf of Sligo County Council, Malone O' Regan Environmental Services (MORES) is applying to An Bord Pleanála in accordance with the provisions of Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the remediation and restoration works at Finisklin closed landfill, together with the construction of a new public park.

The former landfill is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) issued to Sligo County Council on the 13th of September 2018 (EPA Ref H0006-01).

The remediation and restoration works have been agreed with the EPA and are required to be undertaken in accordance with conditions 3.1 of the CoA as follows:

- c) Install a permeable landfill cap, minimum 500mm*
- d) Install gas protection measures as proposed in the risk assessment.*
- e) Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, install gas vents in the landfill body at appropriate locations such that the increased back-pressure caused by the cap does not result in increased lateral movement of gas.*
- f) Install and maintain boundary fencing or walls at an appropriate location on or near the perimeter of the closed landfill to prevent unsuitable public access.*

The EPA have approved the proposed landfill gas remediation measures submitted as part of this application in compliance with Certificate H0006-01. This approval was obtained following lengthy engagement between the Council and the EPA that took place over a number of years.

Moreover, the construction of the proposed park is specifically provided for in the Sligo and Environs Development Plan (SEDP) 2010-2016 and Sligo County Development Plan (CDP) 2017-2023, as follows:

- The majority of the landfill is zoned under the CDP (SCC, 2010) as "Strategic Land Reserve" while the northern portion is zoned as "Open Space".

- The SEDP sets a specific objective (O-OS-24) for the development of a park at the Site as well as links to other proposed linear parks and greenways (O-OS-13 and O-OS-18)

The proposed development aims to facilitate the achievement of these objectives set out in the SEDP and CDP.

The proposed development will open this coastal site to the public for the first time, providing a sub-urban amenity space for the population of Sligo town and the surrounding areas. It will also reduce the risk to both the environment and human health posed by the landfill.

Please find enclosed the following documents:

1. Copy of Public Notices (Newspaper and Site Notices);
2. Statutory Body Notifications;
3. Landscape Design Rationale;
4. Engineering Planning Report;
5. Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report;
6. Natura Impact Statement (NIS);
7. Biodiversity Enhancement Plan;
8. Construction Environmental and Waste Management Plan;
9. Landscape Design Drawings Package;
10. Engineering and Services Design Drawings Package.

We trust that the above information is in order and look forward to receipt of an acknowledgement at your earliest convenience, and subsequently, to an early and favourable response from the Bord.

Please revert to me should you require any further clarification in relation to this application.

Yours sincerely,

for Malone O'Regan



Janette McDonald