

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2011
NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A
STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
County Kildare

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 and as amended by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 Bord na Móna Plc. gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development:

A Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) Facility with a capacity of 250,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of waste (principally municipal solid waste) on a 29Ha site in the townlands of Coolcarrigan, Drummond and Kilkeaskin, Carbury, Co. Kildare, comprising:

(A) 8 No. dedicated and linked structures to house the MBT activity: (i) a 8,148 sq.m., single-storey Mechanical Treatment Building with a maximum height of 14.19m; (ii) a 2,457 sq.m., single-storey Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) Building with a maximum height of 14.18m; (iii) 3 No. Biofilter / Odour Abatement Buildings [2 No. 2,392 sq.m., single-storey buildings with a maximum height of 6.91m; and 1 No. 1,312 sq.m., single-storey building with a maximum height of 6.91m, and associated stacks approximately 20m in height]; (iv) 2 No. 13,860 sq.m., single-storey Biological Treatment Buildings with a maximum height of 14.7m; and (v) a 3,893 sq.m., single-storey Refining Building with a maximum height of 14m; (B) a 7,420 sq.m., open, bunded, concrete SRF storage area; (C) 2 No. 4,212 sq.m., attenuation ponds for the treatment of surface water adjacent to the existing access road serving the Drehid Waste Management Facility and to the northwest of the proposed buildings; (D) a 985 sq.m., two-storey Administration and Welfare Building with a maximum height of 8m, with a landscaped car park area accommodating 101 No. car parking spaces; 2 No. van parking spaces; and 2 No. bus parking spaces; (E) a 1,296 sq.m., attenuation pond for the treatment of surface water to the southeast of the Administration and Welfare Building; (F) a 405 sq.m., single-storey Maintenance Building with a maximum height of 9m, with an associated HGV park accommodating 18 No. HGV parking spaces, skip storage area and truck wash; (G) service and dedicated circulation roads with two new junctions from the existing access road serving the Drehid Waste Management Facility; (H) weighbridges, weighbridge kiosk (16.25 sq.m., and 3.55m high), wheelwash and areas of hard-standing; (I) landscaped areas and screening bunds of varying heights; and (J) ancillary development works include the development of underground heat transfer pipes between the proposed MBT Facility and the existing Drehid Waste Management Facility; a 25,000litre bunded and roofed fuel storage area (36.25 sq.m., and 3.75m high); and other works necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

The proposed MBT Facility has been designed such that it provides for the development of an optional dry Anaerobic Digestion (AD) step, as part of the biological treatment stage. As provided for in Section 41 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2011 as amended, planning permission is sought for a period of 10-Years. The application documentation caters for two MBT Facility configurations and describes the physical works associated with each. In Configuration A, AD is not provided and the works are as described in items (A) to (J) above. In Configuration B, AD is provided, and in addition to items (A) to (J), there will be additional plant housed within the southern-most Biological Treatment Building (labelled No. 1) including the provision of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant, and a stand-by gas flare compound, with associated 20m high stacks. In Configuration B, renewable electricity will be produced. In both Configuration A and B the gross floor area of proposed buildings is 49,757 sq.m. on a 29Ha site.

At present the landfill at the existing Drehid Waste Management Facility is permitted to dispose of a total of 360,000 tpa, reverting to 120,000 tpa in December 2013. The proposed development will not involve any increase of landfilling above these maxima.

This application relates to a development which will require a waste licence. This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement. The planning application and the Environmental Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on Wednesday 13th June 2012 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of the Kildare County Council, Head Office, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <http://www.drehidmbtsid.ie/>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to -

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30p.m. on the Wednesday 1st August 2012. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- (i) the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or 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.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to -

- (a)
 - (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind),and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100)

- A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed: 

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