

# Public views sought on end-use of landfill site

**April 13, 2016:** A public consultation opens today regarding the future use of the Kerdiffstown landfill. The proposed end-use of the site must be decided at an early date in order to inform the 'Environmental Impact Assessment' (EIA). This EIA must be submitted to both An Bord Pleanála and the Environmental Protection Agency as part of the formal consent stage for the remediation of the landfill site and so is a critical step in progressing the project.

Kildare County Council is seeking submissions and observations (**note: consultation ended May 25th 2016**) from any interested parties as to their preference, on the following two end-use options, which are:

1. Agricultural use (with no public access)
2. A public park, with amenities (public suggestions sought on same)

## OPTION 1: Agricultural use



## OPTION 2: Public park



Engineering restrictions at the site preclude options like housing, or planting trees with deep roots, for example.

Maps and drawings of these proposed options can be viewed on Level 2 of the Kildare County Council offices at Áras Chill Dara in Naas on April 13th from 2pm to 7pm. The consultation period is open from April 13th to May 25th (**please note consultation period is now closed**), and you can make your views known to the Council by:

- Emailing [kerdiffstown@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:kerdiffstown@kildarecoco.ie)
- Sending a written submission to: Environment Section, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare.
- Visiting Level 2 of the Kildare County Council Offices, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, on April 13th and filling in a submission form on the day.

Please note that while this submission form is available, we will also welcome letters and emails as valid submissions for the consultation. The Council also welcomes submissions from both individuals and groups.

The remediation project team met with the 'Kerdiffstown Landfill Community Liaison Group' on Tuesday evening (April 12th) as part of an ongoing commitment of engagement with local residents and other affected groups,

including; the Kerdiffstown Residents Association, Clean Air Naas, the North Kildare Chamber of Commerce and SVP Kerdiffstown House. The Community Liaison Group were briefed about the end-use options and will continue to be informed about progress on the project in the future.

The remediation of the landfill will take in the order of 5 to 7 years and the final restored site will comprise a waterproof cap to effectively isolate the waste in order to protect surface water and groundwater, as well as measures to control landfill gas and odours. Kildare County Council is committed to the ongoing management of site and the Council will continue to update the project website [www.kerdiffstowncleanup.ie](http://www.kerdiffstowncleanup.ie) as matters progress.

The Kerdiffstown Landfill remains under the supervision of the Kildare County Council, using powers available under Section 56 of the Waste Management Act. The site is managed on a day-to-day basis by a dedicated site manager, a team of security personnel and other staff to control 'leachate' (the run-off water that percolates through the waste) and landfill gas. Kildare County Council will continue to issue community updates as the project progresses. For information about works at the site, and the site history, go here:

[Kerdiffstown: past, present and future](#)

## **ENDS**

Further information for making submissions:

- In writing to: Environment Section, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare. W91 X77F
- By email to: [kerdiffstown@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:kerdiffstown@kildarecoco.ie)