

Decisions on planning applications accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

Notice is hereby given pursuant of Part II, Amendment of Miscellaneous Enactments of S.I. No. 352; Section 10 of the European Communities (Public Participation) Regulations 2010, Section 34(1A) of the Planning Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 172(1) of the Planning Development Act 2000 (as amended), that:

Kildare County Council made a decision to **Grant** Planning Permission for the following on the **22nd June 2023**

Planning Ref: 22/1035

Applicant: Evergreen Agricultural Enterprises Ltd.,

Development: The provision of a renewable biogas and biofertiliser production facility with an intake of up to 165,000 tonnes of feedstock per annum that will feed into the existing Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) network. The facility will comprise of: *Input weigh bridges and weighbridge offices; *Reception (incorporating offices, control room/laboratory, canteen, changing and toilet facilities) *Feedstock building and solid digestate store; *Boiler/plant maintenance including ESB and CHP store; *4 No digester units and 1 No post digester unit, pre-acidification unit, biological desulphurisation and technical building all located within a containment bund; *Covered storage tanks; * Silage clamps; *Connection to existing Gas Network Ireland infrastructure The proposed development includes for associated biogas tank; gas upgrade units (5 no.); and an emergency gas flare. The development also includes air cleaner (feedstock area); 5 no. air cleaner stacks and 2 no. boiler and CHP plant flues; odour abatement, firefighting water tank; attenuation pond, a new gated access from R445; internal access roads, car parking, loading bays and laybys, landscaping and boundary fencing. A personnel gate is proposed to the north of the site. The proposed development comprises all associated site development, drainage and infrastructure works above and below ground. The maximum height of the proposed development is the digester units at c.141m above ground level. The proposed facility will primarily utilise spent grains from breweries along with smaller quantities of other brewery by products such as yeast and discarded beer. Maize will also be accepted in smaller quantities as a feedstock to produce biogas which will be upgraded to bio methane and fed into the natural gas grid. Carbon Dioxide will be recovered as a by-product as part of the process. Solid and liquid digestate that will be produced from the process will be a biofertiliser. No waste materials will be accepted as feedstock at the facility. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development on a site of approx. 7.9Ha. Revised by Significant Further Information which consists of revisions to the site access and works to the road and footpath alongside the site including the provision of public lighting, signage, anti-skid surfacing and a crash barrier. Tactile paving and dropped kerbs are proposed where required and there are changes to the car parking including the provision of EV charge points. Bicycle parking is also proposed. There are changes to the landscaping proposed and to the colour scheme of proposed buildings. While the focus of the project remains to inject the biomethane generated at the proposed development directly into the grid, occasionally there may be a need to send tankers of biomethane offsite if for example maintenance issues arose with the injection.

Location of Development: Lakaghmore, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare

The applicant and any person who made submissions or observations in writing to the planning authority in relation to the planning application in accordance with Section 37(1) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) may appeal such a decision to An Bórd Pleanála.

A person may question the validity of any decision of the planning authority 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)

A person may question the validity of any decision on an appeal by An Bórd Pleanála 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.

Information in relation to the making of an appeal may be obtained from An Bórd Pleanála's website at www.pleanala.ie. Also refer to Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by Sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 in relation to judicial review. General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website; www.citizensinformation.ie

Details with regard to the planning reference referred to in this notice may also be viewed on this website on the online planning system by entering the planning reference no. **22/1035** in the Planning File reference field.