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Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: SID APPLICATION, CONTAINING AN EIAR, FOR A PROPOSED EXPANSION OF KNOCKHARLEY LANDFILL, NAVAN, CO. MEATH**

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Knockharley landfill Ltd.[1] has retained Tom Phillips + Associates (Town Planning Consultants)[2], to issue, to prescribed bodies listed by An Coimisiún Pleanála in its Pre-Planning Closure Letter dated 13 October 2025 (Ref. ABP-321572-25), copies of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application in relation to a proposed development at the existing Knockharley Landfill.

The subject development comprises an increase to the landfill area by approximately 17.68 ha, which will provide approximately 4.12 million m3 of void space (3.32 million m3 of additional constructed void space with further void space of 807,000 m3 for the 'Piggyback Cell') for the continued disposal of waste.

Ireland faces significant challenges in responding to mounting pressure on its waste management infrastructure. If left unaddressed, this pressure could lead to serious consequences, including ultimately the non-collection of municipal waste. Provision of waste collection services and well-engineered waste management capacity is essential to avoid contamination of water, soil, and air, the proliferation of life-threatening diseases, disruption of critical infrastructure, and the visible decline of urban and rural landscapes.

Key reports such as the *Mid-Term Evaluation of the National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2021–2027* (2024) and the *Circular Economy and Waste Statistics Highlights Report 2021* (2022) underscore these challenges and identify that Ireland's transition to a circular economy is faltering.

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

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## 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/NIS.
- Planning Report/Cover Letter.
- Planning Application drawings.

The planning application contents can be accessed at the following website: www.knockharleylandfillsid.ie

An Coimisiún 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 Coimisiún Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate. Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Commission"), 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 during the eight-week consultation period (commencing 19th December 2025 and ending 12th February 2026) 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:

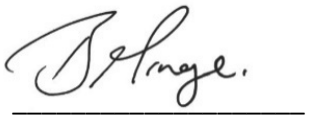
I. The name of the person making the submission/observation, the name of the person acting on his/her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
II. The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
III. The reasons, considerations and 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 Commission. Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the SID Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

We endeavored to make contact with you requesting whether you would accept an electronic copy. Due to the extent of documentation submitted (over 2,000 pages) and the number of prescribed bodies listed, and due to the nature of the development (a waste landfill), we have tried to limit the amount of printing requirements in the interests of the environment and sustainability.

As such, please find enclosed at www.knockharleylandfillsid.ie, an electronic copy of all planning documentation submitted. We will also issue to you, by post, an electronic CD copy in due course. Should you require a hard copy of the application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



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