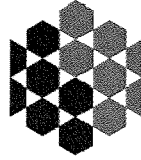


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Dear Ms Mazzoni

Thank you for your letter of 19 November 2009 regarding landfill sites in the Ringsend Area and the cumulative effects on health. The Minister has read your letter and has asked me to reply.

The Minister wishes to advise that his Department is currently processing two planning applications for landfill facilities in the Ringsend area. One application, accompanied by an Environmental Statement [ES] is for a fully engineered non-hazardous landfill at Cam Road Ringsend. The ES addresses the cumulative impact of the development and also considers issues relating to effects on health. Further environmental information has recently been received and issues relating to both cumulative and health impacts will be carefully considered before a final decision is reached on the application.

The second application is for an inert landfill facility at Belraugh Road. The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement, and the issue of cumulative impact is addressed within it. In relation to potential health impacts the ES asserts that no risks to human health are associated with inert landfill sites. These issues will be carefully considered before a final decision is reached on the application.

Planning permission was granted in September 2006 for building and engineering works related to an existing landfill facility at Craigmore Road, Ringsend and permission for a refuse site, at this location, had originally been granted permission in 1976.

A closed landfill site is located at Letterloan Road and the Department has confirmed that it has no knowledge of a current or planned landfill at this location.

The Minister wishes to assure you that the matters you have raised will be carefully considered before a final decision is reached on either of the above planning applications.

With regard to the waste management plan for the region, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) has advised that the North West Regional Waste Group (NWRWG) revised

their statutory Waste Management Plan in 2006 following the publication by the Department of: "Towards Resource Management-The Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy 2006 – 2020" that was published in March 2006. The revised Waste Plan was subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment which included public consultation. An Environmental Report was received by NIEA in June 2006 as the consultation body and this remains available on the NWRWMG website.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela Baxter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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