

Ref: EIR / 5910

20th August 2025

Dear Mr,

Environmental Information Regulations Request - GeoTick Site location plans

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

Can I please request environmental information for the sites attached.

1. Details of any pollution incidences at the site or the surrounding lands within 500m

The Environmental Health Service holds no information on pollution incidences on the site and in the surrounding vicinity of 500m radius of the site.

The Environmental Health Service would advise that historically there have been a number of fires in the vicinity of the site including a fire at the Moldall site in the Ballycolman Industrial Estate in 2015 and a number of fires on waste ground of the old Adria Ltd site located off Beechmount Avenue.

You may wish to contact the Water Management Unit of the Northern Ireland Environment Agency to ascertain if they have any further information on historic pollution at the site or in the vicinity of this site. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/pollution/water-pollution>

2. Contaminated land records for the site or surrounding lands within 500m

Information available to the Environmental Health Service would indicate that the underlying soils at the site may be contaminated due to its current industrial use. It is also noted that the site is located within an industrial zone and there are a number of commercial/industrial premises located north of the site where

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underlying soils may be contaminated due to the current industrial/commercial use of nearby premises.

EHS note that lands at approximately 315m north west of the red site outline provided located at co-ordinates E234149, N396845 was historically used as a mill (Adria Ltd). Planning permission was granted in June 2020 to develop the Adria Site (Planning Ref LA11/2019/0880/F) into residential units. EHS would note that residential units now exist at the site. EHS would highlight that a contaminated land report was submitted in support of the proposed development. The contaminated land report can be viewed through the public access page of the planning portal at the following link:

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/simple-search>

More information on any historical land uses may be found by using the historical land use maps at:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/search-proni-historical-maps-viewer>

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency's (NIEA) Regulation Unit (RU) also holds a database of sites where, based on their historic land-use, there is potential for contamination to be present. Further information on this data base can be found at:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/planning-and-land-contamination>

Further guidance can be obtained from the Regulation Unit (RU) Land and Groundwater Team within the NIEA to determine records of contaminated land at the location or in the vicinity of the subject site.

3. IPC Consents within 500m

The Environmental Health Service would note that there is one premises regulated by the Council under the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (NI) 2013 within 500m of the red site line the activity carried out by the premises is printing of flexible packaging. You can view all Part C permitted installations permitted by the Council at:

<https://dcsdc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a414295d11474bc5b05a252a9f406046>

You may wish to contact the Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate (IPRI) within the Northern Ireland Environment Agency for any further information required regarding Part A and B permitted installations. The public register can be searched online at:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/public-registers>.

4. Air and Noise monitoring within 500m

The Environmental Health Service is not aware of any air monitoring undertaken at the site or in the surrounding area.

With regards to noise monitoring the Environmental Health Service is aware that noise monitoring was undertaken to support a previous planning application for the Boran Mopack site (Planning Ref J/2014/0316/F).

EHS note that there may have been other noise monitoring carried out in support of other planning applications within 500m of the red site outlined depicted. Further information on any noise monitoring carried out can be sought out from noise reports uploaded on the Public Planning Portal and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/tools.htm>.

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/simple-search>

EHS would highlight that the red site line is located within a Smoke Control Area. EHS Would also note that there is an Automatic Monitoring Site in Strabane located at Springhill Park outside of a 500m radius of the subject site. The grid co-ordinate location for this site is E235175 N 397222.

5. Relevant complaints within 500m

The Environmental Health Service is not aware of any relevant complaints relating to the site location plan.

6. Private wells in 500m vicinity.

The Environmental Health Service is not aware of any private wells within the site boundary indicated.

The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) within the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs may hold information regarding private water supplies registered with them. They can be contacted at dwi@daera-ni.gov.uk

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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