

Ref: EIR / 5910

21st August 2025

Dear Mr,

Environmental Information Regulations Request - GeoTick Site location plans

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

Unit 1, Dublin Road Industrial Estate, Strabane BT82 9EA, Grid Reference- E234106
N395865

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

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

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

Based on information from the Historical Land Use Map available on Spatial, there is one historical land use recorded within this area. This historical land use is identified as an 'Industrial Estate'. Additionally, it should be noted that just

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beyond the 500m radius—approximately 587 metres southwest of the coordinates provided—another historical land use is recorded and referred to as 'Railway Land'. For more comprehensive information on historical land uses in the area, the historical land use maps available through the PRONI Historical Maps Viewer can be accessed at the following link:

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

There have also been several previous planning applications located within 500 metres of the site location. For some of these applications, Preliminary Risk Assessment (PRA) reports have been completed. These include applications **LA11/2021/0323/F** and **LA11/2023/2123/F**, both of which were supported by PRA reports. In addition, a PRA and a Phase 2 Contamination Survey were completed in support of planning application references **J/2011/0275/F** and **LA11/2017/0133/F**.

It is further noted that within the red site line shown on the site location map provided, there is currently a live planning application (**LA11/2025/0204/F**) under consideration. This application seeks permission for a two-storey storage and distribution extension to the existing O'Neill's building. A Preliminary Risk Assessment and a Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment have been carried out in relation to this application and the site. All of the reports referenced above can be accessed by the public via the Planning Portal's public access page, available at:

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

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>

and 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

EHS would confirm that there are no premises regulated by the Council under the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (NI) 2013 within 500m of the co-ordinates provided. You can view all Part C 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 (EHS) is not aware of any relevant air monitoring having been undertaken at the site or in the surrounding area. However, EHS highlights that the red site boundary is located within a Smoke Control Area. It is also noted that there is an Automatic Air Quality Monitoring Site located in Strabane at Springhill Park which is located well outside the 500m radius of the subject site. The grid co-ordinate location for the air monitoring site is E235175 N 397222.

With regards to noise monitoring, EHS acknowledges that noise assessments may have been conducted to support previous planning applications in the vicinity, including planning references **LA11/2017/0133/F, LA11/2021/0323/F, and LA11/2023/2123/F**. Additionally, noise monitoring was carried out in support of the current live planning application **LA11/2025/0204/F**, which is located within the red site boundary provided.

There may have been other noise monitoring carried out in relation to additional planning applications within 500 metres of the outlined red site boundary. More detailed information on any noise monitoring undertaken can be obtained from noise reports submitted as part of planning applications, which are available for public viewing on the Planning Portal at the following link:

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

5. Relevant complaints within 500m

The Environmental Health Service is not aware of any relevant complaints received within 500m of the site location.

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

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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 re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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