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Re Planning Application PL 21/236 Lagan Materials Limited

I would like to make a brief observation/submission based on the decision of Bord Pleanala on Planning Application 18/345 by Lagan Bitumen Limited for a similar development on the same site

On the basis of the information provided with this planning application including the Natura impact statement the proposed development does in my opinion still not show that it would not adversely affect the integrity of Lough Gill Special Area of Conservation, Cumeen Strand /Drumcliff Bay Special Area of Conservation Ballysadare Bay Special protection and Ballysadare Bay Special Area of Conservation in view of the conservation objectives of these sites. As noted on the previous decision of an Bord Pleanala the absence of information in relation to the impact of reduced groundwater resulting from dewatering arising from the proposed development and the adjacent associated processing area.

Having regard to the nature, scale and extent of the proposed development, and the inadequacy of information to comprehensively identify and demonstrate the cumulative impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the adjacent associated processing area, in particular in relation to water quality and biodiversity, I would consider that, in the absence of such adequate information, the proposed development could be detrimental to receiving freshwater habitats and could be prejudicial to public water supplies sourced from Lough Gill and could lead to loss or disturbance of habitat and/or species in the adjacent associated processing area. It has not, therefore been demonstrated that the proposed development would not be prejudicial to public health and may be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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