

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: LouthCDP

To whom it concerns,

I wish to make a submission regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant, located on the Marsh Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Over the last 7 plus years this facility managed by EPS Group has been the source of long term malodours. The smell is a highly pungent stench similar to that of rotten eggs. This air pollution is particularly noticeable on a daily and nightly basis during the warmer months eg. March to September every year and it is affecting 1000's of residents living both north and south of the River Boyne. The smell prevents homeowners from leaving windows open during the summer months and despite closing windows and vents, homes are engulfed with a smell similar to that of a farmyard. These residents have made their anger very clear on a Facebook page which I invite you to visit and view.

I personally have been speaking with a number of ex-employees who have reached out to me via the FB page with information regarding the serious malpractices that have been taking place at the plant for many many years. These issues are in relation to the testing and recording of water samples, shutting down of a number of tanks and the general state of disrepair which the plant has been allowed to fall into; all issues I'm sure you will agree are of a very serious nature. I feel very strongly about the lack of concern and action which has been shown by the Louth County Council, Irish Water and EPS Group despite the anger it is causing to the general public of this 70,000k + populous town for such a lengthy time.

The WasteWater Treatment Plant under the management of Irish Water and EPS Group has received extremely bad press in the local Drogheda Independent, Drogheda Leader and on LMFm radio station particularly over the last year. I have been in regular contact with Jonathan Hughes of EPA Ireland who will verify the 100's of complaints the EPA has received over the last year alone from residents of Drogheda and its surrounds because of this plant.

I hope this matter is given the urgent attention needed.

Regards
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