

FOI Reference Number: FOI/221/1920

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Request:

1. It has been claimed in the applicant's planning application that there are currently [REDACTED] using this site on a daily basis, and that they plan to increase this number by a further 6 per day. Has there ever been planning permission granted for these supposed [REDACTED]? If so, please provide the reference for this.
2. Based on the applicant's claims in their application, of there being [REDACTED] [REDACTED] presently using [REDACTED] on a daily basis, is there any proof that this is actually factual? If so, please provide this.
3. Has planning permission ever been granted for ANY form of distribution by road from the site? If so, please provide the reference for this.
4. Has planning permission ever been granted for the change of use from the facility's original purpose of delivering heavy fuel to the power station at [REDACTED], to its current use as a [REDACTED] for the Irish Government? If so, please provide the reference for this.
5. Has planning permission ever been granted for the erection of fencing around what has been referred to as the "Upper Site"? This fencing was erected on 28/6/19, and has remained a permanent fixture to this date, denying the public access to this area. Not what was originally told to local residents, who were led to believe that this would only be in place while geographical survey drilling was carried out. I may add that this was completed on 5/8/19. If so, please provide the reference for this.
6. Has planning permission ever been granted for the erection of CCTV cameras by the applicant on 16/5/19, on the shared access road [REDACTED]? If so, please provide the reference for this.
7. Have the results of the Geographical Survey carried out by "[REDACTED] [REDACTED]" on 5/8/19 been provided to planning? If so, what were their findings? Can a copy of this report be provided to us? If not, what is the expected time frame for this information to be submitted?
8. Has the applicant had any form of Wildlife, Bat or Badger Survey carried out, either on or around the "Upper Site" the "Lower Site" or the surrounding countryside? If so, what were the findings of these surveys?
9. In January 2019, DFI Roads advised Planning that they required a completed detailed Transport Assessment Form. Has this been carried out and provided to DFI Roads? If so, when was this done, and can a copy of this be provided to us?
10. Has there been a noise impact assessment been carried out to assess the impacts on nearby residential properties, both during the demolition/construction phase and upon completion/operation of the

facility? If so, what were the findings of this and which residential properties had this survey carried out on them?

11. Has the applicant provided details of the proposed operating hours, hours of loading and unloading of vessels, use of plant, HGV movements and what sort of traffic noise impacts that will be placed upon the local residents of [REDACTED] and A2 Belfast Road? If so, please provide us with copies of this information.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 13 September 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response in relation to your request.

1. *No, the number of traffic movements at [REDACTED] has never been restricted by a planning decision.*
2. *Council has no evidence that [REDACTED] on a daily basis.*
3. *Planning approval was granted on [REDACTED] for "[REDACTED]" under reference [REDACTED] and for [REDACTED] under reference VI/1974/0068.*
4. *No, this matter was examined under enforcement case [REDACTED] and the Department was satisfied that the current proposal to store distillate fuel oil (diesel) can be carried out in accordance with the extant planning approvals for the site.*
5. *No planning permission has been granted for the erection of fencing at the site. An enforcement case shall be opened to investigate this matter.*
6. *No planning permission has been granted for the erection of CCTV cameras at the site. An enforcement case was opened in regards to this matter - [REDACTED] - but deemed not expedient due to the fact they are positioned on private land for security purposes and notifications are clearly visible.*
7. *No additional information regarding the Geographical survey has been submitted since the updated Consultation Report of 21 June 2019.*
8. *A biodiversity checklist, preliminary ecological appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment screening was submitted as part of the original submission on 13/12/2018 and no further information has been received since. This information is available on the Planning Portal.*
9. *A detailed Transport assessment form has not been submitted to date.*
10. *Environmental Health have advised that a Noise Impact Assessment will be required for residential properties within 100m. Information submitted by the applicant indicates that there are no dwellings within 100m. However, additional information is required by EHO regarding construction and traffic noise, hours of operation and details relating to the loading and unloading of vessels.*

- 11. *The applicant has not provided information in regards to opening hours, HGV movements etc. It is suggested 1 import ship per month will service the site.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/221/1920 in any future communications./

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.