

CORRESPONDENCE

**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

NOVEMBER, 2018

- Letter dated 11th October, 2018 from the Office of the Minister with Responsibility for Defence in reply to Notice of Motion from Members expressing their disagreement with the miserably low pay given to members of the Defence Force for their overtime work covering the recent visit of the Pope, and calling for them to be paid similar rates to other forces required to assist in similar events in the future.
- Letter dated 25th October, 2018 from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to Notice of Motion calling for the monthly Local Area Briefings to be held in public and to become statutory meetings.
- Letter dated 5th November, 2018 from the Environmental Protection Agency in reply to submission to the EPA in relation to the Licence Application P0029-06 to allow CRH to begin industrial incineration in Limerick.



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Office of the Minister with Responsibility for Defence

11 October, 2018

Mr. James Clune,
Corporate Services,
Limerick City and County Council,
Corporate Headquarters,
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Limerick City & County Council

15 OCT 2018



Our ref: Executive/2018/0045

Dear Mr. Clune,

I refer to your recent correspondence dated 18th September 2018 regarding agreement to move a motion at the next meeting of Limerick's Metropolitan District concerning the pay given to members of the Defence Forces for their overtime work covering the recent visit of the Pope and call for them to be paid similar rates to other forces required to assist in similar events in the future.

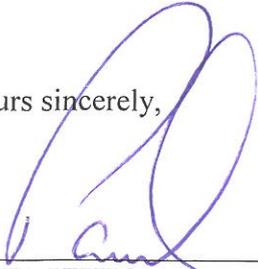
The Department of Justice and Equality and An Garda Síochána have primary responsibility for the internal security of the State. Among the roles assigned to the Defence Forces in the White Paper on Defence is the provision of Aid to the Civil Power (ATCP) which, in practice, means to assist An Garda Síochána when requested to do so. Unlike other areas of the Public Service and due to the nature of the duties performed, overtime is not available to members of the Defence Forces. In its place a Military Service Allowance (MSA) is paid to all ranks up to the level of Colonel. Military Service Allowance is designed to compensate for the special conditions associated with military life. These include unsocial hours of duty, exposure to danger, and the restrictions inherent in military discipline. For Privates, Corporals and Sergeants with more 3 years in service, MSA is worth €115.43 per week, per person. For Senior NCOs the rate is €122.87 per week.

In line with any other occasion when the Defence Forces are requested to operate in an ATCP, Defence Force members on duty in support of An Garda Síochána during the Papal visit received a Security Duty Allowance (SDA). The current rates of SDA is €23.81 for each day on duty for less than 24 hours. The rate is increased to €47.59 for a 24 hour duty. Security Duty allowance is paid to all enlisted personnel and to officers up to and including the rank of Commandant.

The assistance provided by the Defence Forces for the duration of the Papal visit is greatly appreciated and acknowledged by myself and my colleagues in Government.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely,



PAUL KEHOE T.D.
MINISTER WITH RESPONSIBILITY
FOR DEFENCE

**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil**
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government



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Office of the Minister

25 October 2018

Mr. Christy O'Connor,
Limerick City and County Council,
Corporate Services,
Corporate Headquarters,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick.



RE: REP587/EM/18

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

I refer to your letter of 13 March, 2018 regarding the Notice of Motion agreed at the meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 19 February 2018.

I would like at the outset to thank the members of the Metropolitan District Council for their motion requesting that local area briefings be held in public and become statutory meetings.

While the holding of such briefings may play a role - for example, for coordination, information sharing or decision making purposes - in the operation of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, it is the case that local electoral area briefings do not have a statutory underpinning.

It is not foreseen at this time that such briefings would be given a statutory basis. Any such proposal would require wider consultation with all local authorities. It would also necessitate a decision of the Oireachtas to amend the relevant local government legislation.

Nonetheless, the Department would welcome a more detailed submission on local electoral area briefings from the members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick in the context of the Department's consideration of the strengthening of municipal governance.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary



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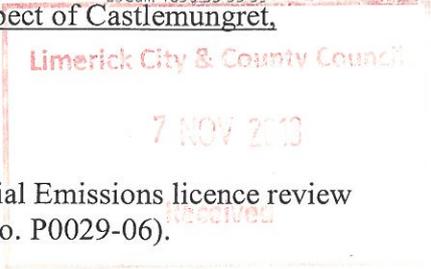


Mr James Clune,
Corporate Services,
Limerick City and County Council,
Corporate Headquarters,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick

05/11/2018

Reg. No: P0029-06

Review of an IE Licence Application by Irish Cement Limited in respect of Castlemungret, County Limerick.



Dear Submitter

Further to your submission in relation to an application for an Industrial Emissions licence review in respect of an a facility at Castlemungret, County Limerick (Reg. No. P0029-06).

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the Agency shall take into account each of the matters specified in Regulation 42(12) of the European Communities (Birds and Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended where applicable.

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence are available to view on the Agency website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Office of Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford or licensing@epa.ie.

Please note that there is no requirement for you to acknowledge or reply to this notice.

Yours sincerely,

EPA
Programme Officer
Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Environmental Sustainability



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activities, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	P0029-06
Applicant Name:	Irish Cement Limited
Type of Consent Sought:	IEL
Location of installation:	Castlemungret, Limerick
Licence Application Date:	09 May 2016
European Site(s) assessed:	Askeaton Fen Complex SAC (Site Code: 002279)
	Tory Hill SAC (Site Code: 000439)
	Curraghchase Woods SAC (Site Code 000174)
	Glenomra Wood SAC (Site Code: 001013)
	Ratty River Cave SAC (Site Code: 002316)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	01 November 2018

AA Screening Determination:

That the activities are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and that it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activities, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activities is required, and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

This determination is based on the following:

- (i) A Zone of Influence (Zol) of 15 kilometers is considered for European Sites with potential links to the activity in the ecological assessment report. The list of sites outside the 15km Zol and the scientific reasoning for their exclusion is not explicitly described.
- (ii) The project description for the project is incomplete in that no indication for the requirement for additional hardstanding required for storage areas, fire water tanks, etc. is provided.

- (iii) In relation to impacts to air there is an absence of information of the potential impacts on ecologically sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the area where construction works are proposed. Furthermore, all baseline data must be included in the screening assessment in keeping with NPWS guidance to enable a scientifically robust consideration of the report.
- (iv) A habitat survey map has not been included in the report.
- (v) There is a lack of consideration given to the 'in-combination' impact of other projects in the immediate vicinity of the activity.

Breen Higgins

Date: 01st November 2018

Office of Environmental Sustainability