

Extract from the Minutes of the 1092nd Licensing Meeting of the Agency was held on 12th July 2022, in EPA Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford

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Directors Present: L Burke (Chair);
G O’Leary, M Lehane (via Video Conference), T Ryan &
S Finegan.

3. Office of Environmental Sustainability

(i) Air Pollution Act Appeal

**Licensee: John Madden and Sons Limited
Tonroe
Ardrahan
County Galway**

Register No: E0007-01

The Directors considered an appeal in relation to a decision by Galway County Council to grant a licence under the Air Pollution Act 1987 (GCC Reference Number AP13/20) to John Madden and Sons Limited for the operation of an asphalt plant at a site located at Tonroe, Ardrahan, County Galway. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Direction; two third-party appeals; one third-party submission on the appeals; one first-party submission on the appeals; one non-party submission on the appeals; two further submissions on the appeals; one submission on Appropriate Assessment; and the Report of the Inspector dated 7 July 2021.

Jim Johnson, Sean O’Donoghue and Marie O’Connor gave verbal presentations.

Inspector’s Report

The Directors noted the Inspector’s Report and approved the recommendations with the following amendments to the Appendix of the Recommended Direction:

3. Interpretation

Amend Condition 3.9 as follows:

The licensee shall carry out noise monitoring at noise sensitive locations in the vicinity of the plant. This monitoring shall be undertaken on an annual basis and shall be undertaken in accordance with the methodology specified in the ‘Guidance Note for Noise: Licence Applications, Surveys and Assessments in Relation to Scheduled Activities (NG4)’ as published by the Environmental Protection Agency. On the basis of results submitted, the local authority *shall review the results and further to this assessment may thereafter* alter the frequency of monitoring.

Reason for Decision:

To strengthen and clarify the Condition

Insert a new condition to Condition 3 of the licence to read as follows:

The concentration limits for emissions to atmosphere specified in this licence shall be based on gas volumes under standard conditions of: Temperature 273K, Pressure 101.3kPa, dry gas, 17% oxygen.

Reason for Decision:

To clarify the interpretation of emission limit values

Following discussion, the Directors decided to approve the Recommended Direction, as amended, and directed Galway County Council to grant the licence, under the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Ref. AP13/20) to John Madden and Sons Limited for atmospheric emissions at a site located at Tonroe, Ardrahan, County Galway in accordance with the conditions attached to it.