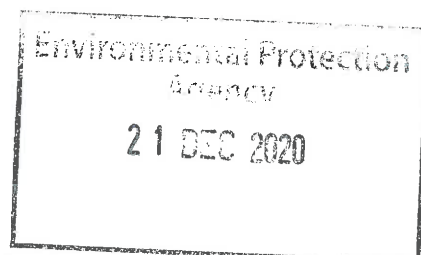


*The Tonroe/Castletaylor (Ardrahan, Co.
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FAO Dorota Richards,
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Office of Environmental Sustainability,
Environmental Protection Agency,
PO Box 3000,
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December 15th 2020



Dear Ms. Richards,

**Re: Appeal – Licence for the operation of an asphalt plant to John Madden and Sons Limited at Tonroe, Ardrahan, County Galway
Reg. No. E0007-01
PA Reg. Ref: AP 13/20**

We, the under-signed, wish to submit the following observations in relation to the above-referenced Appeal:

- It can justifiably be concluded, by reference to the supporting maps and the number of private residences within the catchment zone of the proposed Asphalt Plant (AP), that discharges from the site will expose the many residents to toxic and obnoxious odours and air pollutants from atmospheric emissions. It will also expose them to abnormal conditions that they have not been, heretofore, accustomed to. Such discharges will have a significant negative impact on the close proximity residential amenity at Tonroe, Ardrahan, Co Galway and this, in turn, will have the potential to endanger the health of the individual members of the referenced population and impact on the local environment.
- The applicant Company failed in its duty of care and through its environmental management obligations towards the residents of Tonroe and neighbouring townlands,

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who reside within reasonable proximity of the plant, by its notable failure to address community relations with them in a proactive manner.

- The issue of the Air Pollution Control Licence (APCL), by Galway County Council to the applicant Company, did not show due consideration or acknowledge the capabilities for its compliance with relevant Air Quality Standards (AQSS) as specified in the Air Quality Standards Regulations, 2011 (SI No. 2011/180). It does not take due cognizance of the realisation that air dispersion rates will be restricted due to the insufficiency of the Chimney Stack (CS).
- Sufficient details and description of the necessary CS, if any, which will satisfy the requirement for the proper functioning of an AP, have not been modelled or described to show that such a proposed structure is adequate so as to enable it to ensure that air quality standards are easily complied with. Neither is satisfactory provision shown for the purpose of making comparisons of the predictions with relevant air quality standards.
- There is no provision made for the siting of a CS on elevated terrain so as to allow adequate dispersion of the licensed industrial plant emissions from the immediate neighbourhood and which would ensure that there is no risk to the local environment or to public health.
- It is our belief that the monitoring analysis results which emanate from the proposed Asphalt Plant site and which findings are regularly submitted in support of the grant of an APCL, should not be relied upon for the purpose of making a proper judgement. It is our understanding that there is little, or none at all, of industrial activity on the monitored site. There is no evidence of any AP activity which could inform a proper diagnosis for the purpose of satisfying the grant of such an APCL. One could not accurately model functioning AP discharges with non-AS activity.

Yours faithfully,

(Please find the list of signatures on the following pages)

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 Site Boundary
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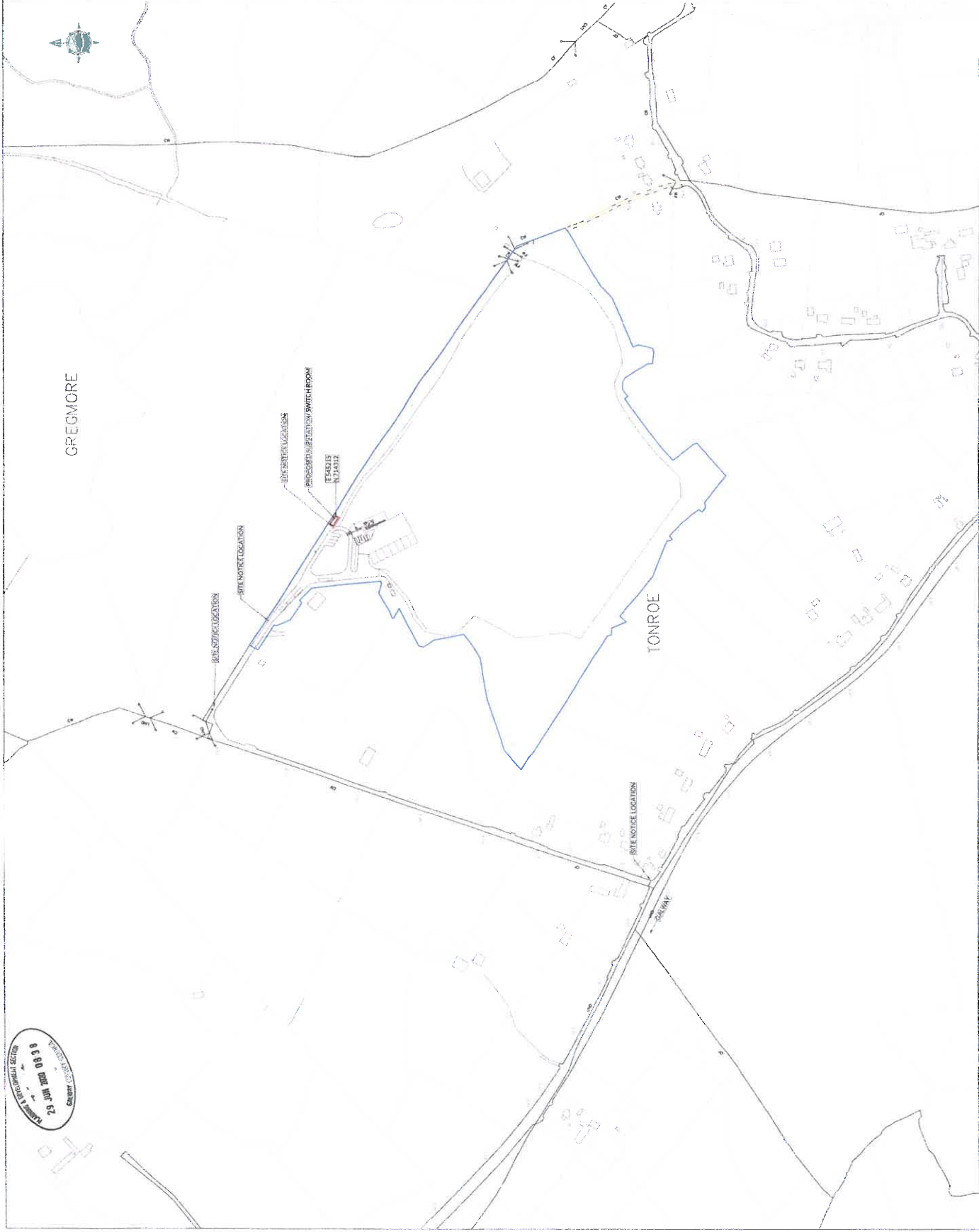
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