

Kerry County Council

Memo

From: Eoin Kelleher, E Planner & Ecologist, Planning and Sustainable Development Dept.

To: Mark O' Sullivan Env Scientist, Environment Dept.

Re: **Air Pollution Licence Application by Roadstone Ltd for a permitted Asphalt Plant at Clasheen, Killarney, Co. Kerry**

Based on the AA Screening Report received, I am not currently in a position to rule out with certainty that the proposal, without mitigation, would not adversely impact the nature conservation interests of Sheheree (Ardagh) Bog SAC. Therefore Clarification of Further Information is recommended as outlined below.

Regards,

Eoin Kelleher
E. Planner and Ecologist
12/02/2020

You are requested to submit an amended Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (by way of a AA Screening addendum report or otherwise), clarifying the following: -

- Please clarify how the Nitrogen Deposition target of 5kg N/ha/yr for Sheheree (Ardagh) Bog SAC, as outlined in the Conservation Objectives for that SAC, would be impacted by the proposal, if at all. As part of this, you are requested to note that the Conservation Objectives document outlines that the measure for Nitrogen Deposition assessment as it relates to the Sheheree (Ardagh) Bog SAC is kg N/ha/year and accordingly this is the measure which should be used in the Appropriate Assessment Screening report.
- Address within the cumulative effects considerations, that Nitrogen deposition rates within Sheheree (Ardagh) Bog SAC may currently exceed the 5kg N/ha/yr target as outlined in the notes accompanying 'Air Quality Nitrogen Deposition', in the Conservation Objective report for the SAC. Additional cumulative sources of nitrogen deposition on the Bog should also be taken into consideration such as those possibly arising from transport and agriculture.
- Confirm that no measures are proposed which are intended to reduce or avoid impact on Sheheree (Ardagh) Bog SAC or any other Natura 2000 sites.

Where the amended / clarified AA Screening Report cannot rule out with certainty the potential to affect the conservation objectives of Sheheree (Ardagh) Bog SAC, then a Natura Impact Statement should be submitted addressing same.

