

Implementation Date: 01 September 2023

Template for Requesting Speaking Rights at the Planning Committee

The Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee provides for interested person(s) to register to speak on a planning application that is scheduled to be determined at the next meeting of the Planning Committee. This request must be received by the Planning Department no later than 10am on the Monday before the Planning Committee meeting via email account planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk.

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Support or Objection – please tick relevant box	Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objection <input type="checkbox"/>

Written representation summarising key points to be addressed and supplementary information in support of your case (minimum font size 10 and maximum length two sides of A4 page).

LacPatrick Dairies (NI) Ltd - Ballyrashane Creamery has expanded its operations over the years and now processes approximately 80 million litres of raw milk and 69 million litres of cream annually. It produces 33,000 tons of butter, 40 million litres of pasteurised milk and 1,000 tons of cheese each year, which are sold within local businesses, high street stores and across the world. Indirectly, Ballyrashane’s supply chain stretches across the community, with over 700 local businesses involved in supplying and supporting production.

The fuel for the existing AD plant comes from the Creamery’s dairy waste and is supplemented by silage grown in the fields surrounding the plant or purchased from local farmers. The biogas from the AD plant is used to run two combined heat and power units which supply renewable electricity and heat recovery to the Creamery. The other main product of the AD process is liquid digestate, a natural and nutrient-rich fertiliser that can replace chemical products, giving performance improvements to agricultural land.

The proposed development will involve decommissioning of the existing water treatment plant and the installation of a new transfer station and water treatment and recycling plant. The project will also involve the laying of pipes under the Creamery Road between LacPatrick Dairies (NI) Ltd - Ballyrashane Creamery and the AD Plant to transport material between the two sites. The new underground pipes will increase the efficiency of how the water is transferred at LacPatrick Dairies (NI) Ltd for treatment, significantly reducing the current need for agricultural vehicles (e.g. tractors & tankers) travelling between the two sites. The purpose of this project is to replace the existing treatment plant that services the current needs of the Creamery and to pioneer a more sustainable operation through the inclusion of a water recycling plant, therefore the proposed development is both essential and required in this location, given that the proposal responds to a site-specific issue.

The proposed development has been demonstrated to be compliant with both regional and local planning policy and as such it is respectfully requested that planning permission is granted.

