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An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

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East West HVDC Interconnector between Ireland and Great Britain
Planning File Reference PL17.VA0002

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the letter dated 14 May 2009 from An Bord Pleanála requesting further information in relation to the proposed development.

I am pleased to enclose information on the impacts of the proposed development on Rogerstown Estuary as result of the revised cable route in the vicinity of Balleally Landfill. Please note that the interconnector cable route has been revised such that it is now greater than 100m north of the landfill boundary over the vulnerable length from the railway underpass to the landfill entrance.

Two revised route options were considered; Option A addresses the vulnerable part of the landfill from the railway underpass to the landfill entrance. Option B extends the route diversion to beyond the western curtilage of the landfill.

As requested by the Board, I have consulted with Fingal County Council, the Environmental Protection Agency, and relevant landowners. Following discussions on the technical aspects of the revised route, Fingal CC and the EPA have confirmed that they are now satisfied that route Option A fully addresses the concerns regarding any risk of leachate entering Rogerstown Estuary. We have also consulted with National Parks and Wildlife Service who regard the matter as one for the EPA and the local authority to resolve.

Maps of the proposed route have been shown to local landowners and further discussions will be arranged to discuss commercial and other issues.

In proposing route Option A, therefore, we are satisfied that this can be designed, constructed and operated to ensure no reasonable scientific doubt remains as to the absence of adverse effects on Rogerstown Estuary while also avoiding unnecessary disruption to agricultural land use which would follow should route Option B be used.





I enclose further information which includes the revised route proposals for the section at Balleally Landfill, site investigation data and a revised statement of appropriate assessment in accordance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

Please contact the undersigned in connection with this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Nolan', written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Nolan
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