

1. AGRICULTURAL APPLICATION DETAILS NOTES

Questions 1.1 to 1.22 of the agricultural application details are concerned with Agricultural Development. If your application includes construction of domestic stables, please also complete question 1.8 & 1.9.

- 1.1. There are 21 River/Lake Water Management Units (WMU's) (Whole or part) in Cork County. These are made up of **Water Bodies** which are a coherent sub unit in the River Basin. W.M.U.'s are used to manage the Water Bodies. Water Bodies have been defined and delineated by the EPA as part of the Water Framework Directive. The **Water Body** is the only unit reportable to Europe. All action/measures under the Water Framework Directive must be reported at **Water Body** level, i.e. farm inspections, septic tank inspections, discharge license reviews, planning applications (granting and refusal), WSIP program, etc.
The Water Body code is an alphanumeric code (e.g. IE_SW_19_755) and can be obtained from the following website www.wfdireland.ie by clicking on water maps.
- 1.2. State the distance between the farmyard and the nearest third party dwelling. This should also be shown on a site layout or a farm layout. Third party here means any land or structure that is neighbouring your land and is not in your ownership.
- 1.3. State the distance between the farmyard and the nearest watercourse, i.e. stream or river. This should also be shown on a site layout or a farm layout.
- 1.4. State what the proposed building/development will be used for when it is completed.
- 1.5. State the distance of the proposed building from any dwelling that is neighbouring your site but is not in your ownership or on your land. Show buildings to the front, rear and on either side of your development. These buildings should also be shown on the site layout map or a farm layout map.
- 1.6. Please complete the relevant boxes in order to show the number and type of animals to be accommodated on the farm.
- 1.7. Please complete the relevant boxes in order to show the number and type of animals involved in intensive agricultural enterprises.
- 1.8. Please complete the relevant boxes in order to show the number and type of animals to be accommodated in the proposed building.
- 1.9. This question must be completed for any stables that are part of a residential, commercial and/or agricultural application. Please tick the boxes indicating the intended use of the stables in your development.
- 1.10. Please provide details of the quantities and types of silage that are produced on the farm each year.

- 1.11. Please provide details of the open feeding yards and the open soiled yards to which the farm animals have regular access. You should show this on a site layout map or farm layout map.
- 1.12. Please state the number of hectares in your ownership. (This must be stated here but should also be highlighted or outlined in blue on a site location map.)
- 1.13. Please state how the farm is supplied with water. Make sure that your answer corresponds with question 20 of the application form.
- 1.14. Please answer Yes or No. (You should include the date of the most recent visit if you are aware of it.)
- 1.15. Please refer to S.I. No. 31 of 2014 - also known as the Nitrates Regulations – & any subsequent regulations to ensure that the proposed development is compliant with E.U. Regulations. Indicate Yes or No here.
- 1.16. Please indicate if soil analysis tests have been carried out on your land. You may enter the most recent date if known.
- 1.17 – 1.22. For these questions you may show details on either your Farm Structures Record which is found to the rear of the Application Form or on your Site/farm layout and Site location maps. The notes below should also help to complete your application for agricultural development. They are suggestions as to how your application/plans should be set out and were compiled with the cooperation of Council's Environment section. This will assist the Planning Dept. in processing your application and help to avoid any unnecessary delays.

As a minimum the plan/proposal shall contain;

- A site layout drawing to scale 1:500 which shall clearly identify all existing & proposed structures, wells & watercourses, within the site boundary, cross referenced to a **Farm Structures List** or **Record** with each structure getting a unique reference number. The site layout drawing shall also indicate all structures adjoining or in the vicinity of the site, in particular any adjoining or nearby dwellings, wells & watercourses.
- A Farm Structures List or Record identifying all existing and proposed structures on site including; buildings, tanks, yards, silos, aprons etc., their respective floor areas (& gross capacities for tanks calculated from internal measurements of tank) and proposed and existing uses. A blank Farm Structures Record is attached which may be used.
- The site layout drawing shall identify the drainage systems for storm water from roofs & clean concrete areas in blue.
- The site layout drawing shall identify the drainage system for soiled water, silage effluent, etc., both existing & proposed, including diversion chambers, in red, & where these will discharge. Soiled yard areas shall be clearly identified on plans & specified on Farm Structures Record.

- The site layout drawing shall identify regular movement routes for livestock, particularly where dairy cows are moving on a twice-daily basis, & what provision is to be made for handling soiled water from these areas.
- The plans, elevations and sections submitted shall clearly show the detail of the development which is proposed & how this fits in with the existing structures on site.
- The plan / application shall indicate the number, type & age of all livestock to be accommodated on the farm, identify the number, type & age of animal accommodated in each structure in the farmyard and where the effluents generated are collected and stored. Please indicate whether the effluent storage tanks are open, covered, slatted, or within existing or proposed covered structures.
- Provide details of any other livestock housing, not on this site, used by the applicant during the winter period, including location map & details of facilities.
- The plan / application shall indicate the net or adjusted acreage [Hectares] in your control or ownership and the acreage available for the land spreading of organic fertilizers.
- The plan / application should identify the number & type of animals to be housed on straw bedded areas or on partially straw bedded areas. Also clarify how farmyard manure from these bedded areas will be managed during the housing period.
- If organic fertiliser, (slurry, poultry manure, sludge, etc), is imported or exported from the farm details shall be provided as to type, quantity, source/destination of such material & where such material is stored on farm, prior to land spreading, if relevant.
- The volume of slurry, effluent & soiled water generated in the farmyard shall be calculated in accordance with S.I. No. 31 of 2014, European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2014 or any subsequent regulations.
- The storage capacity of the slurry, effluent & soiled water storage facilities (existing or proposed) in the farmyard shall be calculated in accordance with S.I. No. 31 of 2014, European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2014 or any subsequent regulations.
- If straw bedded facilities are proposed for livestock then feeding & exercise areas shall be clearly identified & provision made for collection & storage of slurry & soiled water from these areas.
- The plan shall clearly show how the applicant will comply with S.I. No. 31 of 2014, European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2014 or any subsequent regulations in terms of slurry, effluent & soiled water storage capacity.
- If an overground steel or concrete tank is proposed an earthen bund may be required to protect any vulnerable watercourses from accidental discharges from the tank. The integrity of such tanks is not in question; however human error may lead to valves being left open leading to spillages. A simple remote earthen bund is sufficient for this purpose.

- All plans shall be countersigned by the client before submission to the Planning Department. This ensures that the client takes ownership & responsibility for the proposals submitted.
- Provision shall be made in plans for bunding of diesel tanks.
- All proposed construction work shall comply with Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine specifications. These specifications can be accessed on their website or by contacting the Department.
- Construction waste shall be disposed of in accordance with the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2011. If construction waste is to be removed off site it shall be disposed of to a licenced or permitted facility.
- Please ensure that all copies of documentation submitted are clear & legible.

The regulations referred to can be found on the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government website (www.environ.ie) or a copy can be obtained from the Government Publications Office.

NOTES ON THE COMPLETION OF THE FARM STRUCTURES RECORD

Classification of buildings to be used in the preparation of this farm structures list is to be as per Planning & Development Regulations 2001 S.I. 600/2001, Agricultural Developments. The following is a brief description of the various classes used in the table, for complete descriptions see the above named regulations.

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| Class 6 | Works consisting of a roofed structure for the housing of cattle, sheep, goats, donkeys, horses, deer or rabbits. |
| Class 7 | Works consisting of a roofed structure for the housing of pigs, mink or poultry. |
| Class 8 | Works consisting of roofless cubicles, open loose yards, self-feed silo or silage areas, feeding aprons, assembly yards, milking parlours or structures for the making or storage of silage or any other structures of a similar character or description. |
| Class 9 | Works consisting of any store, barn, shed, glass-house or other structure, not being of a type specified in class 6, 7 or 8 as above. |

A: EXISTING STRUCTURES IN FARMYARD

Provide accurate internal dimensions for all buildings and structures in the farmyard and clear descriptions of their use, (e.g. “Haybarn” “Cubicle House” “Walled Silo”). Dimensions should be given to the nearest single decimal point (e.g. 3.2 metres, not 3.185 metres). Likewise, all yards should be accurately measured, and recorded. A second form should be used if there is not adequate space. All buildings, structures and yards must be clearly identified and shown on the associated drawing. The column entitled “Discharge to” is to contain the identification number of of the effluent tank to which the effluent created in that structure discharges to.

B: PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURES

Provide accurate dimensions and descriptions of all proposed new buildings, structures and yards. (N.B. for proposed slurry and soiled water stores, see Box “D” notes below). All proposed buildings, etc., must be clearly identified and shown on the associated drawing. The column entitled “Discharge to” is to contain the identification number of the effluent tank to which the effluent created in that structure is proposed to discharge.

C: EXISTING SLURRY AND SOILED WATER STORES

Provide accurate dimensions for all existing slurry, effluent, or soiled water stores, or manure pits or dungsteads. These must also be clearly identified and shown on the associated drawing. The capacity of each tank should be calculated and shown to the nearest cubic metre. [Note that the depth of any tank must be measured by using a rod, stick or staff. Under no circumstances should any person enter a tank even if empty.] The column entitled “description” is to provide a description of the physical construction type of the tank. The column entitled “effluent type stored” is to contain details of the type of effluent which is to be stored, whether it is slurry, silage effluent, parlour washings, soiled water, etc.

D: PROPOSED SLURRY AND SOILED WATER STORES

Dimensions of all proposed slurry, effluent and soiled water stores etc. These must also be clearly identified and shown on the associated drawing. The capacity of each tank should be calculated and shown to the nearest cubic metre. The column entitled “description” is to provide a description of the physical construction type of the tank. The column entitled “effluent type stored” is to contain details of the type of effluent which is to be stored, whether it is slurry, silage effluent, parlour washings, soiled water, etc.

An applicant will not be entitled solely by reason of a planning permission to carry out the development. The applicant may need other consents, depending on the type of development. For example, all new buildings, extensions and alterations to, and certain changes of use of existing buildings must comply with building regulations, which set out basic design and construction requirements.