

Cavan County Council - Validation checklist for Pig Units

In order for your planning application to be deemed as valid, Cavan County Council would require that the following information is submitted in support of any new or existing pig unit, in order for us to sufficiently assess the planning application.

Please complete the form below and sign at the bottom to confirm that all of the relevant information has been submitted as per Cavan County Council requirements, **without this information your planning application may be deemed as invalid.**

Please note: In accordance with the First Schedule of the EPA Act 1992 an IED licence is required for the rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds 750 places for sows, or 2,000 places for production pigs, which are each over 30kg.

Furthermore, in accordance with the EIA Directive (as amended) and Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) planning applications for intensive pig units, which exceed the thresholds below must be accompanied by an EIAR

- 2,000 places for production pigs > 30kg
- 400 sows in a breeding unit
- 200 sows in an integrated unit

1. Information in relation to the type(s) and numbers of current (if any) and proposed pigs to be housed.
2. Detailed plans demonstrating that the pig unit(s) and any associated infrastructure, such as storage tanks, will be sited and constructed in accordance with the relevant Department of Agriculture Specification and any other relevant best practice guidance. Please note, it is recommended that underground tanks have leak storage detection systems in place.
3. A location a map detailing any water features, such as; rivers/streams/drains/lakes and potable water supplies within 100m, and their distance from the development. (Please note that all developments should be sited in accordance with recommendations within Department of Agriculture Specification S123 and other any other appropriate legislation or guidance documents.)
4. A map detailing all pig units within a 2 km radius of the proposed development site.
5. A map to a scale of 6 inches to 1 mile (or similar) indicating all habitable buildings within 400 metres of the proposed development.
6. An assessment of the potential noise and odour impacts that may result from the proposed development, during the construction and operation phases. Please also detail what measures are proposed to mitigate against these risks, to ensure there is minimum disturbance to noise and odour sensitive locations.
7. Details of the volume of slurry and/or soiled water produced, which should include workings of how this volume is derived and the estimated Nitrogen and Phosphorus concentration.

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8. Details of the collection and storage system in place to adequately manage any slurry and/or soiled water produced.
9. Detailed proposals indicating how slurry/soiled water arising from the development will recycled/disposed. This should include spreadland maps with the following details;
- Name of owner of spreadlands, details of land parcel location and size.
 - Spreadland maps should highlight any adjacent water features (rivers, lakes, streams, drains) or potable water supplies.
 - If it is proposed to export the slurry/soiled water, we will require the name of the landbank owner, volume of slurry to be accepted, evidence that the receiving farmer has the capacity to accept the slurry and confirmation that the receiving farmer has agreed to accept the slurry.
 - If the farmer is proposing to spread slurry on rented lands, please submit proof of a legally binding agreement between parties involved.
10. Details in relation to the feed additives proposed in order to minimise pig manure and reduce nutrient excretion.
11. Details indicating how it is proposed to manage infected carcasses in the event of disease outbreak at the unit. (Such proposals to be in accordance with Dept of Agriculture requirements.)
12. A report from an independent veterinary surgeon addressing the issue of disease transmission having regard to pig developments in the area.
13. Where there is an existing farm enterprise (such as, a bovine or other farming activity) Cavan County Council's Farm Development Application Form "*Planning Application Form for the construction of Farm Developments for Dairy Facilities, Silage Facilities and for the Housing of Animals*" must be fully completed. This should include details of the animal numbers, organic manure and soiled water storage facilities and information in relation to nutrient management.
- (Please note, this information should include maps detailing proposed spreadlands for any organic manure/soiled water produced on the farm. In the event the proposed spreadlands are rented then proof of a legally binding contract must be submitted. In the event the slurry/soiled water is exported then we will require the name of the landbank owner(s), volume of slurry to be accepted, evidence that the receiving farmer has the capacity to accept the slurry and confirmation that the receiving farmer has agreed to accept the slurry.)

Name in Print: _____

Signature: _____

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Date: _____