

CLARECASTLE
SITE DECOMMISSIONING

Roche Ireland Clarecastle Site Decommissioning

Managing Project-Related Traffic through Clarecastle



Dear Clarecastle resident,

As you are aware, the decommissioning of Roche Ireland's 88-acre site at Clarehill, Clarecastle, is well underway. The first two phases, which involved the removal of equipment from all buildings on-site and the subsequent demolition of the buildings, are now complete.

The third phase, the remediation of three areas of environmental concern (AECs) on-site, will commence shortly. This phase will be undertaken in a number of stages. It will involve the excavation of contaminated soil from these AECs and the transportation of it off-site in sealed containers to a licensed thermal treatment facility in mainland Europe. This activity will generate increased traffic through the village but I can assure you that the flow and control of this traffic has been meticulously planned and will be carefully managed.

A dedicated team has been assigned to this critical aspect of the project. A 'Traffic Management Plan' has been developed to ensure that disruption to the community due to project-related traffic movements will be kept to an absolute minimum. The key elements of this Plan are outlined overleaf.

Be assured that Roche Ireland is committed to maintaining the highest safety and environmental standards throughout the final phase of this project. Roche Ireland is undertaking this decommissioning project in order to leave a positive legacy to the local community and County Clare through delivering a site suitable for the creation of jobs into the future.

We will maintain active communication with the community on all traffic-related activity throughout the 'Remediation' phase.

Yours sincerely



Joe Murphy
Project Owner



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Key elements of the 'Traffic Management Plan'



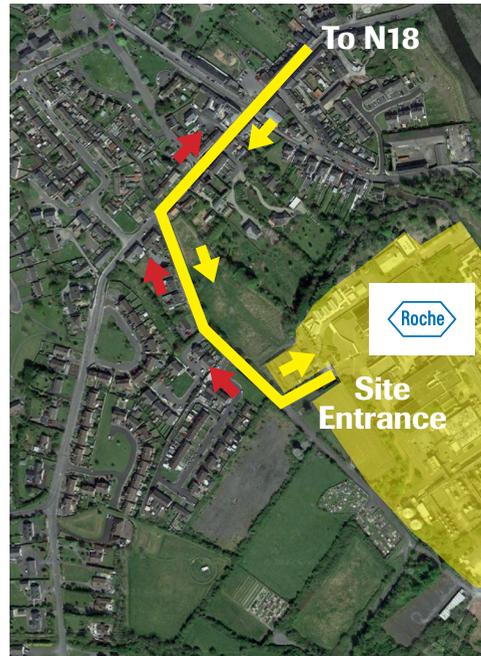
Traffic Planning

An on-site logistics team, comprising a Logistics Manager and a Logistics Coordinator, has been appointed to manage and control all HGV traffic coming to and leaving the site. The logistics team will be the primary contact for the HGV drivers and the traffic marshals appointed to monitor traffic movement in the village.



Online Booking System

An online booking system will be used for all trucks entering or leaving the site; the number of slots per hour will be limited. Cancellations or rescheduled time slots will be managed by the Logistics Manager. No vehicle will be permitted to enter or leave the site, or travel through the village, without an allocated time slot. Strict adherence to these conditions is mandatory.



Safety and Security

All containers leaving the site will be secured using twistlock systems. Tipper vehicles will have their loads covered. Flatbed trailers will have their loads secured using appropriate straps, webbing or chains as applicable. All drivers will carry out a walkaround and load security check prior to entering and exiting the site. All vehicles leaving the site will be inspected for cleanliness, and weighed using the on-site National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) calibrated weighbridge to comply with the Road Traffic Act, Weights and Dimensions legislation.

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Vehicle Specifications

Over the lifetime of the project, the majority of HGVs will be transporting waste from the site. These HGVs will be less than 3 years old, meet low-emission standards and operate at reduced noise levels. All other HGVs will be monitored by the logistics team to ensure that the highest standards are maintained for HGVs accessing the site.



HGV Drivers

HGV drivers are a critical factor in the overall 'Traffic Management Plan'. Before commencing work on the project, all drivers will receive induction on, and commit to, the standards required by Roche for the delivery of the project. They will receive instruction on the principles of driving through Clarecastle. A dedicated parking area, containing welfare facilities, a rest area, refreshments, and a place to eat, will be allocated to HGV drivers.



Traffic Monitoring

All HGVs will be fitted with tracking devices so that the Logistics Coordinator can monitor and communicate in real time with the drivers to ensure that the targeted number of movements to and from the site is strictly adhered to.



Traffic Marshals

Traffic marshals will be engaged to ensure that HGV movements through the village are carefully managed. They will focus on all aspects of safety and assist in the smooth flow of HGVs as they travel from the site to the R458 in both directions.

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Communications

Roche Ireland is mindful of its interactions and relationship with the people and residents of Clarecastle. We commit to maintaining a positive relationship with the people of Clarecastle for the entire duration of the project. Updates on planned traffic movements will be made available to the community via the website www.rocheclarecastle.ie and via periodic postal drops.

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