

4.9.18 Waste: Land spreading (mobile plant) Sector

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for the land spreading of wastes using mobile plant can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.15 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges and deployment charges are found in Part 2.15 of the subsistence charges table.

Spreading waste to land can be beneficial as it reduces waste and it benefits the farming community by improving their land and reduces their costs.

It also poses significant risks and can have a significant impact on the environment.

Over the years, businesses have looked at more and more different types of waste material to use. It is important that we are satisfied what is good and what is bad. The level of assessment we have to do to decide this has increased.

Charges are increasing to reflect the extra effort necessary to effectively regulate the sector. As the potential environmental impacts are better understood we have to ensure a more thorough assessment to protect the land bank and ensure the right level of scrutiny. Improper use of waste can lead to long term, sometimes irreparable, damage.