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Your Ref. Reg. No 742.   5ᵗʰ April 2005.
Reynard Pig Farms Ltd.
The Deeps, Crossabeg, Co. Wexford.

Dear Sir

I would refer to the request for a review of the licence held by the above concern, and which you intend to review. I submit that any review of their licence, with the objective of increasing the numbers of pigs kept in this complex would be in conflict with the character of of the area, where this farm already exceeds what is suitable.

It is conceeded that a reasonably sized pig farm, breeding and fattening pigs, would have a place in an area made up of mixed farming and residential housing, but the above farm has been allowed grow too big. This is no longer a pig farm, but a major pig factory farming complex, operated by a company not interested in the environment but in profit. This farm should be closed and owners made relocate it somewhere more appropriate. Certainly, no consideration should be given to increasing their licence to keep more pigs on this site.

I submit that this review of the companies licence, to allow them keep an even greater number would be wrong for the following reasons; -

1. To enlarge this farm would be to the detriment of the Slaney Valley.
2. To grant this licence would be at variance with the County Wexford Development Plan of 1993 subsequently updated.
3. Any such enlargement of this farm would conflict with the stated objectives of the protection of the area, as an area of outstanding beauty, requiring preservation.
4. Wexford County Council has already refused planning permission for the erection of the anaerobic digester also proposed.

If any review is to be held into this company's licence, it must be with a view to revising downwards the number of pigs kept there.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A. M. and D. J. Mitchell.

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