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To whom it may concern,

We the board of management of St Ciarans National School Castlejordan is very concerned about the fact that Lagan Cement is looking for planning permission and an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control license ref No 752 to burn Meat and Bone Meal (MBM) in its cement factory

St Ciarans national school in Castlejordan county Meath has 158 pupils and is located approximately four miles from Lagan Cement factory

We wish to object to this proposal on the following grounds:

We see this as a major threat to the health of all of the children and people of the area.

We feel that there is not enough knowledge about the long term affects from the emissions and possible dioxins released from burning of meat and bone meal.

We have very serious concerns that the initial burning of MBM fuels will eventually result in the incineration of many more forms of waste material at this site in the future.

Already there is a lot of traffic on the roads due to the factory and we see the transportation of MBM as a further risk to the safety of parents and children on their way to and from school there have been a few incidents with lorries using shortcuts through the narrow roads of our area.

Lagan Cement stated at the time that it was building the factory that they had no intention to burn any waste material of any type so we hope that they are made keep their promise.

We were told initially when the cement factory was launched that it would be the cleanest in Europe and that there would be no residues of lime or cement on the road. Yet the public road and the hedges from the entrance of the factory towards Kinnegad are always covered with a white dust. Also there was some lime dust released to the atmosphere earlier this year

When Igan Cement were approached about this they said that it was caused by human error

This leaves us with very little confidence in the ownership and management of The factory and the future safety of all the people in the surrounding area

There are safer alternatives to the burning of MBM such as Alkaline Hydrolysis and Anaerobic Digestion

Also we have been made aware of a process called Fertilan which has been developed by a company in Mullingar. This process uses a process to convert MBM into a safe fertilizer that can be put back out on the land

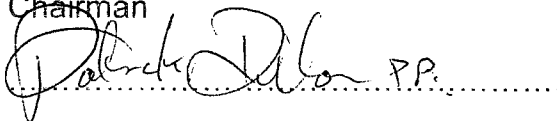
The contact details for this are as follows

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We Hope that you will make the right decision and prevent this threat to the health and safety of the residents of the surrounding area and especially the children who are most at risk to the effects of the emissions from the burning of MBM and other waste materials

Yours sincerely,

Rev Fr Patrick Dillon PP
Chairman



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