

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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Ballard,  
Araglen,  
Kilworth,  
Co. Cork

2 Jan 2007

EPA Headquarters,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co. Wexford,

Re: ref W0230-01 for an EPA licence for anaerobic digester facility at Ballard,  
Araglin, Co Cork.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for an EPA licence (ref W0230-01),  
My objections are based on the following grounds,

- 1 I live about 50 meters away from the site and I fear that the noise and smell / emissions will have affect on our health and life and on our children which are now 1 and 3 years of age.
- 2 There is too much noise from this plant and as our house is only 50 meters away from the site/plant it would be impossible to get the children to go to sleep.
- 3 I fear that the emissions will have affect on the health of the children in the school, which is about 500 meters away from the site.
- 4 This site is in the Avondhu Way which is a scenic walkway area.
- 5 The roads in the area cant handle the trucks as the roads and bridges are too narrow from Mitchelstown and from Kilworth and there are also some historic bridges on these roads.
- 6 The road at the top of Kilworth village cant handle trucks as only one car at a time can pass through.
- 7 There are two schools in Kilworth and it is not safe to have 100 trucks a day passing these schools.
- 8 It don't make since to me to be transporting waste over a great distance as this is only adding to more trucks on the road and more emissions, this waste should be handled at source.
- 9 The site is not part of the County plan / waste management plan.
- 10 If this facility goes ahead it will have negative effect on property values, as no body wants to live in an area where there is a health risk.
- 11 This site for this project is in a valley with mountains on all sides and the emissions from the two chimneys will stay in the valley.
- 12 The environmental impact study is not right as there has being an illegal waste dump on this site for the last 16 years and the EU courts has ruled that the site be turned back into a green field.
- 13 I fear that the noise and smell / emissions will have affect on the health of all my animals as my land is next to the site on both sides.
- 14 There is a risk of water pollution to the river, which is now on the SAC list since December 2006.
- 15 There is a risk of pollution to the drinking water as our well is only 100 meters away from the site.

- 16** There is a risk to us if there was ever a fire or explosion on the site, as we live only 50 meters away from the site.
- 17** There is a risk to our animal if there was ever a fire or explosion on the site as our land is next to the site.
- 18** There is the risk that vibrations will damage our house, as it is only 50 meters away from the site.
- 19** There is a risk to the wildlife in the area due to this huge construction project and all the lights that are used to light up the grounds.
- 20** Cork County Council has refused planning permission for this project, so with no planning permission there is no need for a licence to be granted.

Yours sincerely,  
Derry & Mary O'Brien

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