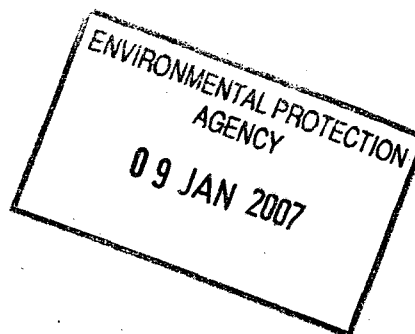


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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re Reference No:W0230-01.

We believe that the huge industrial site that is proposed at Ballard would be out of character with the natural beauty of the area which is a designated scenic area in the County Development Plan. We are of the opinion that possible alternate sites situated in more industrial and therefore more appropriate locations have not been adequately considered e.g. a possible option could be the disused sugar factory near Mallow which has adequate road and rail infrastructure.

2. As parents of young children attending Kilworth National School, we are very concerned about the proximity of the proposed Valeco site to Araglin School given the potential health implications from the emissions from the volumes of bio hazardous waste. No parent would want their child to be attending school literally next door to a large industrial facility which deals daily with tonnes of different types of waste products.

3. The children of Kilworth are likely to suffer if Valeco's plans are approved as the numerous large trucks passing by would be emitting toxic diesel fumes and posing the continual threat of a possible accident on the road. Kilworth village does not have the infrastructure to handle such a potentially huge increase in the volume of heavy goods vehicles. The picturesque quiet village would be ruined and the quality of life of its residents and those living in the environs severely compromised.

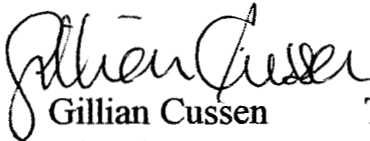
4. It does not appear to us to make economic sense that large trucks should travel miles along narrow country roads into the heart of the countryside, miles from where the waste originates with the price of oil and diesel and the inevitable increase in same in the near future. It seems economically unviable to transport waste over such long distances and consideration, we believe, should be given to the provision of smaller scale anaerobic plants nearer to sources of waste production.

5. There has been very little information made available to the public concerning Valeco's emergency plans should, for example, a leak occur into the local river/stream. How would this effect the ecosystem and would our very drinking water be effected? Is the plant proposed to be run manually or automatically? There are many unanswered questions.

6. Last but not least the fragile ecosystem which is comprised of our wildlife and fauna would be adversely effected by the introduction of a huge industrial works such as Valeco at Ballard. There is already enough pollution in our area from people wantonly burning their rubbish in their yards on a regular basis without having the added burden of the largest anaerobic facility in Europe to contend with.

We would exhort that you do not endorse that this large industrial complex be situated in our beautiful rural area.

Yours sincerely,



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