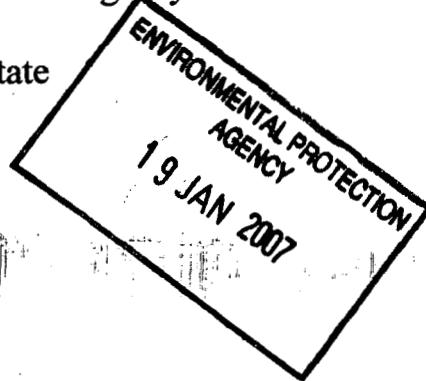


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**RE: Proposed Anaerobic Digester at Ballard, Araglen
Ref No: W0230-01**

Dear Sirs

We have grave concern at the proposed anaerobic digester development in our area. We set out hereunder the chief reasons why we believe such a development has no place in a rural area such as ours.

Our local National School is situated just five hundred metres from the site on which Bioverda plans to build this waste facility. As parents of a five year old girl who attends the school, the prospect of this facility getting the go-ahead fills us with horror. Given the odorous and hazardous emissions from the plant, not to mention the constant noise and flow of heavy goods vehicles to and from the site, it should be clear to everyone that next door to a school is not the place for such a facility.

As referred to in the previous paragraph the emissions from the chimneys in the proposed plant are a major source of worry. While the school is at major risk the area as a whole would be at the mercy of Bioverda's poisonous emissions. The prevailing winds would carry its contents along the Araglen Valley putting both humans and animals at risk.

The site in question is surrounded by a network of quiet country roads, many of which are barely wide enough for two cars to pass one another. The proposed introduction of a large volume of heavy goods vehicles into the area on a daily basis is a recipe for disaster. Our local road network is in no way suited to such an invasion. Surely an industrial site in an area with the proper infrastructure is what is needed by this company. We certainly do not want to have to face the perils of avoiding these huge tankers as we go about our business.

The Araglen Valley is a beautiful unspoilt area popular with tourists down through the years. We value our quiet, peaceful way of life surrounded as we are by lovely scenery. To site Bioverda's monstrosity in the midst of all this would be a shame and would call into question our commitment as a country to promoting tourism and preserving what is green and beautiful about our land.

Water is a precious resource which is often taken for granted. This waste facility would undoubtedly put local water supplies at risk. The stream that skirts the site flows onto the Araglen River which in turn feeds into the Blackwater. One can only imagine the consequences of a leakage of hazardous waste into the water supply. Surely it is not worth the risk.

Given the fact that this enormous plant would be Bioverda's first venture into the area of anaerobic digestion one has to be fearful of the risk of accidents or even large scale disaster. If the worst were to happen countless local residents would be directly in the firing line among them the young children of the district. There is no comfort to be gained from the fact that the operating company has no experience in dealing with the consequences of a malfunction or large-scale accident.

On any level we cannot see the merit of granting a waste licence to Bioverda to operate in Araglin. Ours is an agricultural area, a scenic area, an unspoilt area. We respectfully urge you to take our concerns on board and refuse the granting of a waste licence in this case.

Yours sincerely

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