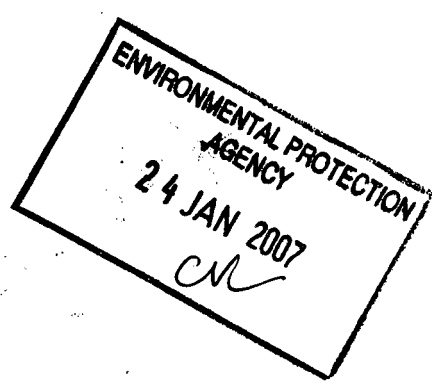


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Lyre,
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Re: Proposed Combined Waste and Power Facility and Ancillary Works
at Ballard, Araglin, Kilworth, Co. Cork.
Cork County Council: Planning Application Number 06/6651
An Bord Pleanála Ref.: PL 04. 218581
EPA Reference No: W0230-01

Dear Sir/Madam,

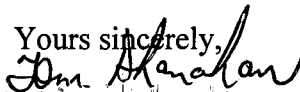
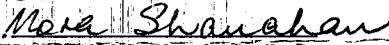
We wish to make the following observations in relation to the above:

1. It appears that an uncertainty exists in relation to the policing of the proposed facility. An element of confusion between the E.P.A. and Cork County Council's responsibilities would seem to exist. Who is responsible for monitoring smells and noise emissions from possibly 100 HGVs daily as they climb the narrow hilly roads from Ballygiblin and Kilworth towards the site?
2. The "what if" factor leads us to question the possibility of an accident i.e. on road or site. Unfortunately they happen and in the event of a spillage of hazardous waste – what system exists to deal with this? With the use of highly dangerous gases at the site, we cannot contemplate the serious effects of an explosion, or a breakdown of the plant. There is a huge risk to people's health and we are far removed from the nearest hospital care.
3. The visual and environmental impact will have adverse effects on the special area of conservation which exist on part of the farm where the proposed site is planned. There are a number of historical features including 3 bridges which have to be crossed to access the site en route from the main Cork/Dublin road.
4. We are compelled to question the company's numerous references to the existing planning permission. This outdated permission granted subject to numerous conditions, which were never adhered to, hardly constitutes "an existing planning permission."

5. What are the company's proposals for the huge tonnage of finished waste going outward? Considering the enormity of the volume where are the spreadlands to be found? Araglin and its surrounds are not tillage areas, therefore we have to ask the question "where to, and at what enormous transportation cost? The whole exercise is but further endangering the health and safety of the people and livestock of the area and it's surrounds.
6. The people of this area have suffered at the hands of an illegal waste development over the past sixteen years on this site. It is but frightening to consider the quantity and types of waste dumped into this quagmire of unlined lagoons over the years. We find it very difficult to understand how this company made their choice of site i.e. an already contaminated farm. May I add that their conducting a "windscreen survey" of sites in connection with such a large development is but highly insulting to the people of this locality.
7. The narrow roads leading to the site from Ballygiblin and Kilworth to the site are totally unsuitable. Indeed the Kilworth village area can prove to be quite an experience to drive through at times. Due to its narrow design traffic hold ups are a regular feature and any increase in HGV usage would surely lead to further congestion and the village being practically impassable for the greater part of the day.
8. My most serious concern of all is that of the health and safety of the people of this locality, the school children attending Kilworth, Ballygiblin and Araglin National Schools. Indeed the latter is sited but 500 metres from the proposed development. The noxious smells, noise levels and even more serious still the emissions from the high rise chimney stacks may prove to be serious health hazards to our schoolchildren, teachers and all who live in the area.

Thank you for taking time to note our observations. Cork County Council have refused Planning Permission and I earnestly request that this company's application for an EPA waste licence be refused. The people of this quiet rural area deserve to live in peace and harmony. The imposition of a monstrosity such as this on this area would forever change our lives.

Yours sincerely,



Tom & Nora Shanahan.