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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to object to an application, which Monaghan County Council has made which is in reference to the landfill site at Derryarrilly, Clontibret, Co Monaghan or otherwise known as the Scotchcorner landfill site.

The nature of there application is to 1) increase the quantity of waste for disposal, 2) increase the quantity of organic waste, 3) allow for the provision of a mechanical biological treatment plant, 4) allow for site levels to be referenced to Malin head datum.

The reasons for my objections are as follows - No 1&2, under no circumstances should they be allowed to increase the volume as they are incapable of managing the waste that is presently being deposited in this site due to the fact that the rubbish is regularly left uncovered, we as a family have to constantly endure the acrimonious odours which constantly invade our family home. This for us leads to all kinds of problems for example having to re wash clothes which have been out on the line drying, coming home and having to get all windows closed to stop the smell from entering our home any further, the embarrassment of having family and friends around, having to abandon barbeques due to the fly invasions. Rubbish being blown across our fields, bird scarers screeching at all hours day and night, not to mention the visual impairment of our local area and Lord only knows what effects this has on our health. I have to say here that it has been so bad these last few evenings that we have found ourselves feeling unwell. It must be due to the fact that they are digging the previous cell up, for whatever reason No4, the present landfill site is an illegal structure as it is filled way over the permitted height restriction which applies to it. Can the EPA ensure that the cells are filled to their permitted heights? They said that there was some mistake in the levels, which had been taken but this should have been resolved long ago in order to establish the correct permitted height of the landfill. As it stands presently it would appear that they can fill to whatever height pleases them.

I would be pretty sure that the people who are in charge of this dump were living nearby the dump would be managed in a much better way.

Would the EPA let me know what it can do in order to get the above issues resolved as very little seems to improve with this dump.

Regards,

R Geary

