

My name is Sean Mc Donnell and I live in Bunowna, a very volatile area. There are no provisions made for us in the EPA report. We fear for our lives and the lives of our families, now that we have heard about this cloud or plume and the dangers of it in areas where there is a down draft.

As pointed out we are almost at sea level and have a constant downdraft.

What would happen to us if there were 16 hours of cold venting in the event of an emergency?

I feel we wouldn't be able to survive this.

So it won't be possible to live here if this monstrosity is built.

It's a terrible reflection on our public representatives that we have voted into positions of authority, and we believed and trusted them to take care of our interests. They have now sold us down the road – they have sold our future and your future Mr Chairman and the future of your children too.

The decision that this hearing comes to today, good or bad has a bearing on those who come after us. Our people have lived here since the 18th century.

It would be terrible if after all that time we were forced out by a multi-national company helped by our own country.

Mr Chairman I would regard you as a saviour, I think you have it in your hands to set our young people free or condemn them to a life of misery or worse, maybe death. And I hope God will lead you in the right direction.

I would like to play this cd; it's a group of local people who went to visit a refinery in Bacton, similar to the one in Ballinaboy, to learn how it affected their lives.

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My name is Siobhan Mc Donnell and I live in Bunowna. I would like to start as everyone else has with a little bit of background.

Ten years ago when I was sixteen years old my mother was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease

This is a degenerative disease and has inhibited her from living to her full potential, a disease with which she has to swallow mouthfuls of medication three times a day.

As you all may be aware Parkinson's disease is incurable.

I moved away from home as everyone does to go to college but I returned after barely a year because my mother just wasn't coping with the daily grind of life on her own. I have stayed with her ever since.

The village where we live, my father, my mother and I along with our neighbours and friends (some of whom are here today) have been left out of all of the environmental studies, and in my opinion completely left out of the loop as far as health and safety studies are concerned.

In Shell's submissions on the objections received by the EPA they state: '.....worst case scenario can be broken down as follows: 33,500 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide, 96 tonnes of Oxides of Nitrogen, 76 tonnes of Carbon Monoxide, less than 2 tonnes of Oxides of Sulphur... etc' and 'the only emissions with the potential to impact on human health are Nox Oxides of Nitrogen, Sox Oxides of Sulphur and CO Carbon Monoxide and the possibility of trace elements of benzene in natural gas'. Well what I would like to add is why must we have ANY of these emissions damaging our health and our beautiful and pristine environment?

Although I am not an expert in water – I do know that a site, which is situated on a hill, will have water run off which will inevitably end up in Glenamoy river. Even when they have 'two settlement ponds'... all of the water that falls from the sky

during the winter here will not all land in these ponds. Most of it will end up in the river, contaminating the fish and animals drinking from it.

It is a basic human right that everyone should have clean air and clean water. This is how it has been around here since time began.

The very least that my parents and everyone in the village should expect is to be able to live out their lives in the peace that we are accustomed to and to be able to breathe.

Someday I would like to have children without having to worry that the very air that I breathe and the water that I drink could be harming them before they are even born.

Chairman would you not have this same fear if you were in our situation?

I would like to finish by requesting that the EPA sincerely and honestly take our genuine fears and worries into consideration and not grant Shell this licence.

Thank you.