



OH Sub No. 5

Dublin Incinerator

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There is an existing problem with vibration caused by the traffic on the Strand Road and Beach Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4. These roads were resurfaced some years ago. They originally had a concrete surface. The concrete was smashed and fragmented by a machine which was then covered over with tar macadam. Since then due to the constant and heavy traffic on these roads the surface is now disintegrating and large cracks and dips have appeared on various parts of the road.

The traffic includes heavy volumes of commuters morning and evening and petrol tankards, juggernauts (despite the five axel ban) cars and other heavy road vehicles including many five and six axel vehicles. This volume from these trucks will increase considerably when the incinerator is in operation as is acknowledged by Dublin City Council.

If the EPA grants an operating licence for the incinerator there will be an extra 30,000 waste trucks a year descending on a network of small roads which are not suitable for such heavy vehicles. The waste trucks will come from the following areas: Fingal Co. Council, South Dublin Co Council, Dunlaoghaire Rathdown and Dublin City Council.

The present situation is that the houses along these roads are subject to significant vibration from heavy vehicles. In our home alone and I understand in many others the vibrations can be felt quite strongly in the top floors and in the basements.

I asked an environmental consultant from R.P.S planning and environment working on behalf of Dublin City Council, what studies on vibration had been done she said that only one vibration study had been carried out by A.W.N. on the site and nowhere else.

Questions I was asked following my submission

Question to me from Kevin Humphries, Labour Party.

What is the traffic like when the port tunnel is closed?

My Answer: It is like a car park. In fact I wish it would stay like all the time that as it would reduce the effects of vibration from all the 30,000 extra waste trucks expected to arrive if the EPA operation licence is granted.

Question to me from Lorna Kelly, Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association.

Have you noticed any health effects from the dust in the area?

Answer: The dust is so fine you can not see it but when you look at the windows on your house they are all black with the dust. Some particles are so fine for example asbestos they can be inhaled into the lungs and result in cancer 20 years after exposure. There are many examples of ill health in the area of Ringsend. They have already been discussed this

morning they include asthma, cancer and some rare conditions/ diseases. I am not aware of any baseline health survey that has been carried out in the areas of Ringsend , Irishtown or Sandymount.

My Questions to Matt Twomey, Assistant City Manager, Environment and Engineering, Dublin City Council.

- 1.) What if any vibration studies had been done on the roads in question recently or at all?**
- 2.) If no vibration studies have been done, when will Dublin City Council do a vibration study on the roads concerned for this project, considering the existing problem of vibration and a huge increase in vibration if the 30,000 extra waste trucks arrive.**
- 3.) What baseline studies have been carried out on the health of the population in the Ringsend Irishtown and Sandymount area?**
- 4.) What is the reply from the HSE and Department of Health on the report regarding the Environmental Impact Statement and any other information Matt Twomey submitted to them for comment?**
- 5.) What comments did the HSE, Department of Health make regarding the Health of the citizens of the Ringsend, Irishtown, Sandymount Area?**

I want to thank the chairperson of the E.P.A. oral hearing for giving me and other citizens who have volunteered their time at their own expense to speak today in advance of Dublin City Council official and the other consultants and Barristers representing the Dublin Incinerator who are being paid to be here for the oral hearing. Unfortunately I am not paid to be here and have to work elsewhere and may not have the opportunity to participate in the oral hearing again.

Our Health is not for sale for € 20 million or any price!

I await a reply to all the above unanswered questions.

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