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Subject: Proposed extension to Drehid landfill

Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the proposed extension to the above facility on the following grounds:-

- 1) The proposed tripling of the amount of waste being deposited will triple the volume of trucks etc. which are already putting the local road network under duress.
- 2) The already significant health risks to the local community will be greatly increased. I have two young children and I have serious concerns for their health and well-being with such a facility not alone being located in the area, but also with the intended extension.
- 3) In the eight months the facility has been in operation thus far, Bord na Mona have proved to be a very dubious operator and has been known to be operating outside the terms of its licence agreement. Their response to the recent fly infestation of our homes was abysmal. In light of this, as a local resident, I feel Bord na Mona is not fit to run the existing facility, let alone any proposed extension.
- 4) The environmental impact that the existing facility will have on our community is well documented and it is fair to say that any extension to the facility will only have a greater impact on our quality of life.
- 5) The manner in which the application was posted does not bode well for the local community. There was no direct notice to local residents. While there may be no legal obligation, there is surely a moral obligation. The oral submissions were carried out ten miles from the affected area!! If this is the manner in which Bord na Mona intends to conduct its affairs I would suggest they are not to be trusted. I can only guess at where they prioritise the effects their operation will have on the local community. Pretty low down I would say.
- 6) The proposed extension will have a significant negative impact on the value of the surrounding properties.

In an era when waste disposal is actually moving away from landfill, it seems incredulous that this extension would be allowed to proceed. As caretakers of the environment I would expect the EPA to be strongly opposing this application on the grounds mentioned above.

I trust you will take my points on board and address them accordingly as this proposal will impact greatly on our quality of life.

Kindest regards
 William Cassidy

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