

Objection ②

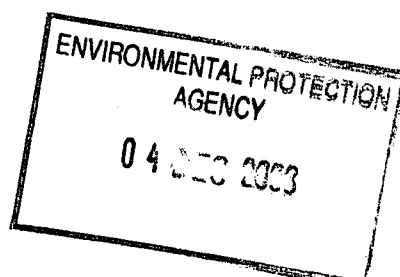
Kilkeaskin
Carbury
Kildare

Objection to the granting of Licence RE expansion to land fill at
Drehid Carbury Co. Kildare by Bord Na Mona

We would like to object to the granting of the licence for increased capacity on the following grounds.

- Put simply there is a significant ongoing odour problem at our house from the landfill. We have a number of telephone contacts with the Lanfill operator(Bord Na Mona) and they seem unable to improve this situation. Given the fact that at time of writing this submission the temperature is only 1 Degree centigrade and there is a significant landfill odour at our house what will the situation be in the summer when the weather is warmer and the landfill has increased capacity 3 fold?? Are myself and my neighbours expected to abandon our houses?? Is there no protection from the EPA for people in our situation? Bord Na Mona have almost 3000 acres of cutaway bog around this landfill and should relocate further away from residents.

I would like to inform you about **my experience** on Sunday the 21st of September. Our house is located at Kilkeaskin just over one mile from the landfill. We had invited extended family down for dinner at 5 Pm. Throughout the day there was a steady build up of flies and by 5PM the house was inundated with them. The meal was totally destroyed. The house was full of hundreds of flies. The flies were in the food and the meal had to be abandoned.



Is there a minimum distance that landfill pits must be located from residential dwellings? We are located 1.3 miles from this landfill and it is clearly not far way enough to prevent nuisances such as smells and flies. Is it just hard luck for people like us or do we have any rights??

Despite there being over 40 planning conditions attached to the current landfill there is no clear procedures to enable local people to address any concerns they may have in relation to rodents ,birds, smells or fly infestation from the landfill.

Ourselves and our children are settled in this area and we do not want to be forced to sell up and move to facilitate this dump. Our house will become a health hazard if this licence is granted.

Residents have been amazed at the selection of this site as an area of peat land drainage is very poor and subject to flooding.

This landfill is open **only 8 months and** already we have these problems. BORD NA MONA has now decided they want to treble the rubbish going into the site from 120k Tons to 360k tons for a period of 7 years only. It is most likely that the intention all along was to operate at 360k Tons and the period of 7 years at this capacity could easily be extended at a later date.

If BORD NA MONA cannot operate the present capacity of the landfill without causing such a nuisance what will conditions be like for local residents next summer when the capacity is trebled? It has been suggested that at weekends that the site is not properly covered as staff are anxious to get away. There is no ongoing monitoring of this and it is very likely that this practice will

continue. Are there any financial penalties where breaches of planning conditions are found by EPA?

We had a public meeting recently and despite being invited no personnel from the EPA or BORD NA MONA could find time to attend. **I believe little or no consideration has been given to local people by BORD NA MONA or Kildare County Council in relation to the operation of this landfill.**

This Licence application By BORD NA MONA to treble the capacity of this dump should be rejected. **What has happened to the government policy of moving away from landfill and preservation of boglands? Ireland continues to rely heavily on landfill because there are no legal or financial drivers to bring waste anywhere else. Granting this licence will not help Ireland comply with the EU Landfill Directive.**

As you are well aware this area of Carbury already has to cope with Carbury Mushrooms LTD. This company is in breach of its operating licence and is the cause of a very distinctive compost odour round the area.

There are also plans to open up an Abattoir close to the landfill site. It seems to be the case that Carbury has been targeted by dirty industries because of its relatively low population density and close proximity to Dublin.

The residents of Kilkeaskin are hoping that the EPA will have the courage to make the right decision in this case and not totally destroy any enjoyment of homes and gardens in this scenic rural area.

I understand that a licence is also to be granted to a "superdump" at USK Kilcullen Co. Kildare. Both this facility and the Bord Na Mona facility at Drehid Co Kildare will accept rubbish from all

parts of the country. Are the EPA going to allow Co. Kildare to become the rubbish county rather than the thoroughbred county. Should all counties not be responsible for their own rubbish? Why should Dreichid accept 750,000 of rubbish and county Kildare bury well over a million tons of rubbish? I understood that the national target for landfill was 2 million tone in 2006?? All local representatives are opposed to this extension but this is apparently irrelevant.

Finally please note that I consider the fee of €200 to make an objection very excessive. This is particularly true with Christmas approaching. The entire process appears to be aimed at discouraging objectors and facilitating polluters.

If this licence extension is granted please let me know how the EPA propose to prevent my home and garden from being infested with flies and odour particularly during the summer months.

Yours Sincerely

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