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Submission

Re / Application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd, for
a licence to operate an Integrated
waste management Facility at Lismagraty
and Corranure Townlands, Coochill Road,
Cavan, Co. Cavan
Your Reference: W0248/01.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to the above
application and wish to object to
the granting of same on the following
grounds.

1. Since Oxigen took over the running
of this landfill facility at Corranure
and Lismagraty their record at preventing
extremely offensive odours from being
released into the air is appalling.
The local community surrounding this
facility have suffered almost constant

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nuisance and disruption to their quality of living because of these odours.

Bad management and severe air pollution ~~due to~~ incompetent seem the norm under oxygen as evidenced by the EPA's own reports dating from August 08 to November 08. (see inspection reports (77-02) 085137KR, (WL77-02) 085138KR, (77-02) 085139KR and (77-02) 085140KR,

Cavan county council have already been successfully prosecuted for licence breaches. We have suffered long enough and I strongly feel no new licence should be granted for expansion of activities on this site.

2: Oxygen have admitted there will be an odour from their proposed MBT plant. Of course they say this will be minimal with advanced filters etc.

I cannot accept assurances like this from a company which has proved itself incapable of running a landfill without inflicting huge distress on the local community. I feel we will be left to contend with existing landfill odours mixed with additional stench of from this MBT plant.

MBT at this scale is new to Ireland. This would be a first of its kind. How could we trust Oxygen with this, given their dreadful record in Cavan.

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3: I feel this facility is located in a totally unsuitable site. It is only 2 miles from our county town and in very close proximity to Ballyhaise. The prevailing wind blows straight down on Ballyhaise regularly and odours of landfill gases and foul leachate can often be found in Cavan Town.

4: Cavan Co. Council has granted around 2000 planning permissions in a 2 kilometre radius of this facility in the last 5 years knowing these developments were coming down the line. People buying or building these houses had a reasonable expectation of being able to live normal healthy lives free from disgusting odours... obviously their property values are being affected adversely by this situation. I myself have been trying to sell a perfect 4 bed house in Rockland (which is 1 mile the Cavan town side of the landfill) for the past 2 years without success. The proximity to the landfill is turning people off and they're right.

5: I have severe reservations about the way the leachate from the landfill is being handled. It is being piped part of the way to the Cavan town sewage treatment plant and then transported the rest of the way in tankers. The smell this generates

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in the town of Cavan is just awful. That sewage treatment plant was built many years ago and was not designed to take this massive volume of leachate. I also have fears regarding the pollution of local rivers and the watercourse in general from this leachate and the landfill itself. The Corranure and Lismagraty streams which flow from the area of the landfill have been shown to be severely and moderately polluted at various locations, in repeated testing.

6: Myself and my family have experienced a dramatic deterioration in the quality of our lives since this facility began giving off offensive odours, firstly under Cavan Co. Council and now under Oxigen. On various occasions we have had to abandon the outdoors, go inside and close all windows and doors or just get in the car and leave the area. I have had my child complain of feeling sick because of the smell - on numerous occasions. I don't think anyone in Ireland in 2008 should have to live like this.

This community has paid its debt to the country in terms of waste disposal. We're sick and fed up and have absolutely no confidence in Oxigen or Cavan Co. Council in relation to this facility. We want it closed and certainly we do not want it expanded and/or developed.

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For all the above reasons I
call on the Agency to refuse
the application for a licence in this
matter and to press for the closure
of the present facility.

Yours faithfully

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