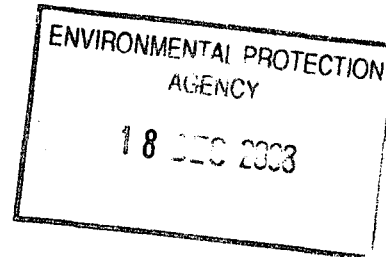


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To  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Climate  
Licensing & Resource Use  
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Co Wexford



Re Application by Oxigen Environmental Limited, for a licence to operate an Integrated Waste Management Facility at Lismagratty and Corranure Townlands, Cootehill Road, Cavan, Co Cavan

Your Reference: WO248/01

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the above application for a waste licence and wish to object to the granting of same on the following grounds:

1. The present facility has a huge adverse effect on the whole area. The proposal, whilst in an area zoned by Cavan Co Council is inappropriately positioned, as it is in close proximity to the County town, two villages, housing estates and many rural houses. Myself and my family who live within two miles suffer because of our proximity.
2. **Health: We have no choice only breathe in foul gas filled air.** Nobody can say what chemical reactions take place in a landfill where gasses are produced, in which direction the wind will blow on a particular day or where leachate contaminant measures may fail. All of these may well effect the health of my family and that of the local people or indeed the children who spend the early years of their lives on a day to day basis in close proximity to the existing landfill facility. **I have myself been sick, felt nauseous, my throat hurting when my home area has been enveloped with these awful gas odours.** Whilst those seeking a grant to operate such a facility may say that there is little risk in living near a landfill, others will say it is a serious danger to health. Whatever the true position is, you cannot assume "no risk" until definite proof is available that no risk exists at all. **Financial gain by our local Authority and Oxigen Environmental Limited is not more important than peoples health and lives**
3. **People and our Community:** We have suffered as a community as a result of the existing facility – there have been nice evenings when people would like to go out for some fresh air and a walk/ sit in their gardens/ play with their children but have not been able to do so because of the smells from "the dump" as we call it locally. This proposal will bring an increased volume of traffic onto the roads around the area, cause further pollution, smells, health risk and result in a permanent integrated waste management facility. To impose this recycling facility on the community at this stage will extend the life of the present site and create untold problems for our local community, devastating the lives of the people who will potentially become prisoners in their own homes since they cannot currently even open their windows. **I myself when I find the odour arriving rush indoors to every room in the house to ensure that the windows are closed, that the trickle vents on windows are closed and even with that I know that I will not stop the odour from getting into the house because it comes down the chimney into my living room – so no comfort – even to watch TV or read.**

**The systems for the collection of gasses and elimination of nuisance odours have not functioned correctly in the past.** It has already been demonstrated by the conviction of Cavan County Council in the District Court and by many reports undertaken by the Environmental Protection Agency that the present facility is not being run properly in the past or at present, and even if it were, it is questionable whether the smell and pollution could be eliminated. The expansion of this facility can only lead to further major problems for the local residents.

Regardless of what the Council may have done in adopting the zoning in this area, it is obvious to the entire population of the area, that the zoning is totally inappropriate being in such close proximity to the county town of Cavan and the villages of Ballyhaise and Butlersbridge. These land should be rezoned as agricultural. The present facility should be closed as soon as possible and any Integrated Waste Management Facility should be placed in a remote area where it will not impact on a local population causing smells and nauseous gasses, which currently drift and at times envelope the surrounding area, the two villages mentioned above, the new housing estates and the town of Cavan itself, affecting the lives of so many people.

For the reasons outlined above, 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.

I thank you for your time in reading this submission and ask that you take its contents into account and consider all the genuine concerns before arriving at a decision on this application for a licence.

Yours faithfully



Mairead Rehill

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