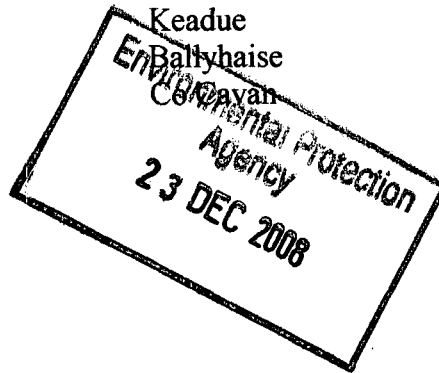


22nd December 2008



To
 Environmental Protection Agency
 Office of Climate
 Licensing & Resource Use
 P.O Box 3000
 Johnstown Castle Estate
 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 waste license application. As a resident in the immediate area of the proposal, I feel that it is my duty to submit my objection to the granting of any license. This is based on a number of grounds.

- First of all, there is the question of health. Nobody can say for definite that there is no risk to the health of local people as a result of breathing in the gases emanating from the facility. You simply cannot assume that there is no risk until there is definitive proof available that no risk in fact exists. I myself have ~~felt sick as a result of breathing in these gases, as have other members of my family.~~ I can only hope that there will be no long-term consequences.
- It is clear from reading the Agency's reports that the management of the facility has not been up to scratch. Cavan County Council has indeed been prosecuted for breaches of the existing license. In the past, it was insisted that everything possible was being done in order to rectify the problems associated with the facility. However, gases continued to emanate from the site. As a result, it is hard to see how the expansion of the facility can lead to anything other than more problems.
- The existing landfill has brought about as significant drop in the quality of life enjoyed by the members of the surrounding community. People should not have to become virtual prisoners in their own home in order to avoid the smell. We should have the right to enjoy rural life as much as people living in other parts of the county.

- The zoning of the facility is totally inappropriate due to the close proximity of the facility to the town of Cavan as well as to the villages of Ballyhaise and Butlersbridge. These lands should be reclassified as agricultural.

The impact of the present landfill on the population has been clear for all to see. Its expansion can only lead to more problems in the future. Therefore, I call on the Agency to refuse the granting of this license.

Yours faithfully,



Barry Rehill

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