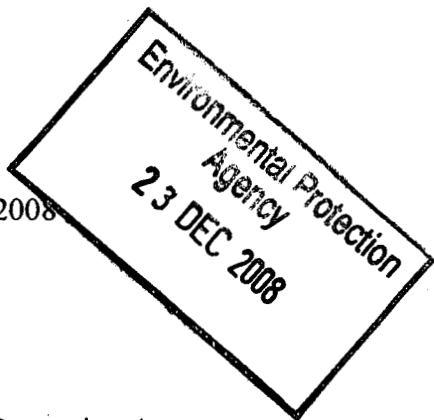


22nd December 2008



Keadue
Ballyhaise
Co Cavan

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 application and would like to submit my objection to the granting of any such license. This objection is based on a number of concerns.

- The question of health risks must be examined. I, as a younger member of the community, feel concerned by the possible long-term health risks which may be posed by continuous exposure to the gases which have been frequently emitted from the landfill in recent years. Several studies show that these can have harmful effects and although there are others that take a different view, I feel that no unnecessary risks should be taken with the health of the people living in the area surrounding the facility.
- In addition, people cannot enjoy the outdoors as much as they should be able to due to the foul stench emanating from the landfill. For example, I have had to cut short several games of football as a result of such odours. Even escaping inside does not provide total respite. The people of the community should be able to live their lives free of this nuisance.
- The position of the landfill is not appropriate due to the fact that it is situated very near the town of Cavan as well as to the villages of Ballyhaise and Butlersbridge. This is a view held widespread within the community. As well as causing problems to the people who live in these places, these odours cannot help but diminish the reputation of the area to visitors.

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Despite numerous assurances, the problems which we have seen develop at the landfill over the years are still with us. The expansion of the present facility can only lead to a worsening of the situation and increased suffering for local people.

I hope that the issues raised in this letter have struck a chord with you and that you will take them into account in the decision-making process.

Yours faithfully,

Declan Rehill

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