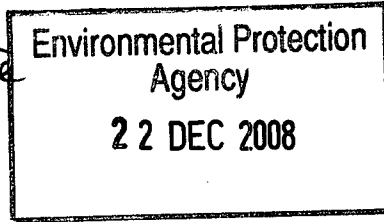


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REF: Waste Licence Application W0252-01  
BUCHPA Ltd  
Kilmartin Caynes Cross Newcastle.

Dear Sir/Madam

I, Mary Woolley, live in the townland of Kilmartin, the person closest in proximity to the proposed development. I wish to make the following observations concerning the Application.

① Scale: The proposed development is landfilling on an enormous scale and represents a serious health and safety hazard on the road leading to the site. Though the current operation of this site is relatively small, it nevertheless causes traffic hazards. I'm forced to cross the centre white line on a daily basis to overtake the mechanical road sweeper, which, in any case, fails to keep the road clean. The situation will be infinitely worse if the proposed application is granted.

Pollution: Noise levels and pollution from dust will increase hugely. Even, at the current level of operation, the road is permanently dirty, and clouds of dust rise when the road is being swept. A stream to the south of the site feed into Broadlough nature reserve. I doubt if Buchpa Ltd can guarantee that this stream won't be polluted.

Visual Impact: If the proposed enlarged landfill goes ahead, there will be a negative visual impact affecting the view towards Wicklow Head. Added to this, the local community will be exposed to noise, odours, dust and dirt of an unacceptable level. There will be a huge increase in the volume of traffic locally, and further negative impact in terms of loss of rural amenity, and fear of contaminated water long into the future.

Development Plan: Wicklow County Council's development plan states that developments should take place in suitable locations, and should enhance the physical environment of the county. The proposed landfill, on such a massive scale, is therefore totally inappropriate to this rural and residential area.

## Planning Process

Initially, Buchpa received permission from Wicklow Co. Co. to reclaim the floor of the valley by 1.5 metres to restore the area to agricultural use. Now they are in the process of a planning appeal to An Bord Pleanála for a large landfill operation at the site. As Buchpa has made no effort to communicate with local residents regarding the plans, it is very difficult to know what Buchpa's intentions are.

I did receive a letter from Wm Norse this morning, (16th Dec 2008) It's the first and only communication I've had from him. I lodged an objection to Wicklow Co. Co. but it was returned to me because it was too late. The same happened with several neighbours. That was because the notice on site, when displayed, was partly hidden behind a bush and nobody saw it until it was too late. Surely, that was the time when Buchpa should have communicated with local residents and given them an opportunity to air any grievances / ask any question troubling them. Finally, these were key building / development projects allowed to go ahead in the past and people are now saying: Why / How

were such projects allowed to be developed.  
Let's hope Buchpa will not be among  
those in the future.

Yours faithfully

May Woolley

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