



21 January 09

Dear Sir / Madam

Re / Application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd for a licence to operate Integrated Waste management facility at Smarathy & Corlanure Townlands, Cothill Road, Co. Cavan.

Your Reference W0248/01

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

1. The area around is made up of many housing estates and residents, schools, childcare facilities, villages <sup>eg</sup> Botolphstown and Cavan town itself. The area proposed is a zoned area for such a purpose by Cavan County Council but utterly inappropriate being so close to so many people's homes and facilities. Children have had to ~~complain~~ at school due to feeling sick the smell is often so severe and offensive.

2. The Agency's own reports have accepted that pollution and bad management of the facility there are usual and normal. Cavan County Council have been successfully prosecuted for breaches of the existing licence.

I think the present facility should be closed and no new licence should be granted for expansion of activities on this site.

③ The value of property is adversely affected by this facility as it is. This would be compounded further if this licence is granted. The local authority did not take due account of the impact on local residents.

④ I would be concerned re health implications - adverse effect on water & air quality resulting in environmental & health issues.

⑤ I question the manner of disposal of leachate from the present facility & the manner by which same is conveyed to the sewerage treatment works. The ability of the local sewerage treatment works to deal with the leachate & whether these sewerage treatment works were designed to treat this leachate.

My quality of life and the quality of life of my young family is being very badly affected by this facility. It is extremely upsetting that I cannot take my 2 young children out for a walk because of the horrific smell. I can not open the windows in my home, I have had to rewash clothes that were hanging on the line.

I have been very embarrassed when we

have visitors - having to explain what the awful stench is around our home which has become worse & worse over the past 3 years. I love this area. It is idyllic and I feel very disappointed and upset that we have considered moving which would cause me and my whole family huge upset and upheaval as my children are settled at school and happy apart from having to live with the stink that surrounds us the vast majority of the time. It is especially obvious when we are away from the area and come back. We have often had to bring BS&S incense and even get in the car and drive away because of the horrendous smell.

For these reasons I call on the Agency to please refuse the application for a licence in this matter and to ask for the closure of the present facility.

Yours Faithfully

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