

Environmental Protection Agency,
Office of Climate,
Licensing & Resource Use,
P.O Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford

Corratubber,
Cavan,
Co. Cavan

29-12-08

RE: Application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd., for a Licence to operate an Integrates Waste Management Facility at Lismagratty and Corranure Townlands, Cootehill road, Cavan, Co. Cavan.

I wish to object strongly to the above application for a waste license at Landfill Site at Corranure, Cootehill Rd., Cavan. I live with my family of two adults and four children within a half mile of this site in the townland of Corratubber. I feel it is my duty to submit this objection. I am very concerned about the present and future adverse effects to our health if this landfill is not closed immediately and a new license should definitely not be granted for the expansion at this site.

Health:

We do not know what chemical reaction takes place in this site or what gases are produced. Some studies say that there is little risk to our health while others say there is serious risk. We have seen in the past that the effect of the use of Asbestos was of serious risk to health. Nobody knew the risks until it was too late for the cancer victims who died and people are still dying from the effects of past use today. There exists today the required technology but unfortunately financial gain by our local authority seems to be of greater importance than the health of its people.

People and the community:

The everyday suffering that will be experienced by the community will be beyond bearing if the expansion of the present landfill facility and the building of an integrated waste management facility goes ahead. It will result in the local people being unable to avail of the simple things in life such as the use of their gardens or even opening the windows of their houses to allow fresh air into their homes. There is no fresh air in our locality due to the disgusting odour coming from this landfill.

Property:

The value of property in this area has been adversely affected by the present facility. The granting of this license will compound this even further and devalue our property even more. People who do not live in this area would not dream of buying property there. Therefore if we want to move out of the area, we can't because we will not be able to sell our houses and get a fair open market value.

It has been accepted by the agency, that pollution and bad management of the present facility are normal practice and Cavan County Council have been prosecuted successfully for breaches of the existing license. I call on the agency to give serious attention to the above, thus refusing the application for license in this matter and call for the closure of the present facility at Corranure.

Beenie O'Connor

Environmental Protection
Agency

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