

Bridge Road,
Ballyhaise,
Co. Cavan.

6th January, 2009

Re: Application by OXYGEN Environmental Ltd., for a licence to operate an Integrated Waste Management Facility at Lismagraty and Corranure, Cootehill Road Cavan.

Your Reference: WO248/01

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to hereby object to the granting of a waste licence in relation the above on the following grounds.

1. This facility is situated too close to centres of populations ie the county town of Cavan the villages of Ballyhaise and Butlersbridge. These areas have been plagued over the years by the stench emitting from the landfill. Both Cavan County Council and Oxygen have failed to manage this facility & smell coming from it.

2. I have very serious concerns regarding the health of the people living in my area. There are a large number of cancer victims in this area as well as a large number of children suffering from breathing problems. In a stretch of 17 houses some 12 residence have cancer, had cancer & survived, and died from cancer.

3. The value of our properties have been severely affected by the present facility, should this licence be granted our homes will be devalued even more. These are our homes which we worked hard to build up which were granted permission by Cavan Co Council under the planning acts. Our property should have a reasonable market value and we should be able to live in it without the worries that are associated with the landfill. Our property should have values that reflect market conditions where there is no landfill site. The council in expanding the zoned area around the existing landfill site, did not take into consideration the impact it would have on us the residents and therefore contravened the very principles on which their own plan was based.

4. Cavan Co. Council has already been prosecuted successfully for breaches of the existing licence and the EPA own reports accept that there is pollution and bad management at the present facility. Therefore, I contend that the present facility should be closed and no new licence be granted for any expansion at this site.

5. I would like to know how the lechiate from the present facility is disposed of and how it is transported to the sewerage treatment works. I would also like to know if the sewerage treatment works is capable of treating this lechiate.

6. The present facility has serious adverse effects on me and my families living conditions.

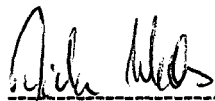
I have had on occasions to leave my home when the smell got so unbearable to live with,

I have been woken up on numerous nights when the smell would waft into my bedroom and would be unable to return to sleep. My children would not be able to play outside with the smell therefore they are unable to have friends call to our house. I have relatives who will not visit when the smell is around. Everyday things are affected by this smell like hanging clothes on the line opening the windows, or just gardening which I enjoy. I have had to cancel birthday parties, barbeques, play time with my children, neighbour gatherings, I do not think that I am been unreasonable to expect to do this things without this terrible stench in the air, I do have a right to clean air.

7. I would have serious concerns and a lot of unanswered questions in terms of the new proposed MBT plant. This is new technology and apart from the concerns over the suitability of this new technology and the associated health risks attached I would have to question the ability of the operators to manage a plant like this when they have continued to demondtrate inability to manage the current facility.

For all of the above reasons I call on the agency to refuse the application for a licence in this matter and press for the immediate closure of the present facility.

Yours faithfully,



Aiden Watters