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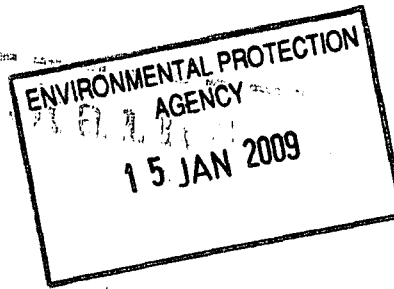
Office of Climate

Licensing & Resource Use,

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Co. Wexford



Re/ Application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd for a licence to operate an Integrated Waste Management Facility at Lismagratty and Corranure Townlands, Cootehill Rd, Cavan, Co. Cavan

Your Reference: W0248/01

Dear Sir/Madam,

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 proposed site is very close to Cavan Town, Ballyhaise and Butlersbridge Villages and a large number of rural homes. Already the current landfill on the site has had a terrible effect on these surrounding areas. The site is completely inappropriate for its current operations; this proposed facility is completely unsuitable for an urban area.
2. Since Oxigen have taken over the operation of the landfill, they have demonstrated that they do not have the expertise to run the landfill. This has been proven by their hiring of a German company to attempt to deal with the out of control odour problems at the landfill. If Oxigen cannot operate the existing landfill facility and this has been proven, I would have no confidence in their ability to construct and operate a very complex facility as has been proposed. This proposed facility is a first of its kind in the Republic of Ireland. Why should a license be given to a company who has no experience in this area? It is a risk not worth taking in my view.
3. The proposed new facility will deal with organic waste and Oxigen have proposed introducing a brown bin collection for this waste similar to what happens in certain areas of Dublin. I have absolutely no need for a brown bin collection. I have decided to deal with the waste at my own home and I have installed a Waste Disposal Unit which disposes of all my food waste immediately and with very little impact on the environment. This completely eliminates the need for a brown bin collection and I believe it is much more effective to deal with waste at source rather than transporting it from a wide area thereby increasing the environmental impact. Our food disposal unit has been installed for 3 years and has significantly reduced the amount of waste that our household sends to landfill.
4. Large scale plants such as the one proposed draw in waste from a wide area, contradicting the proximity principle, that waste management sites should be located so as to reduce the

distance that waste is transported. With this facility waste will be carried for long distances on a local road network that barely has the capacity to deal with the current traffic let alone the huge increase in traffic that will result if this licence is approved. I would be interested to know has the large increase in traffic that will result if the licence is granted been calculated and submitted to the EPA as part of the licence application.

5. My wife and I have seven children; I am very worried about what kind of environmental future we are creating for our kids. If this licence is granted the long term health threat to the local population will be severe.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns and hope that you will consider them before making your decision.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Sexton

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