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**Application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd., for a Licence to operate an Integrated Waste Management Facility at Lismagratty and Corranure Townlands, Cootehill Road, Cavan, Co. Cavan.**

**Ref: WO248/01.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

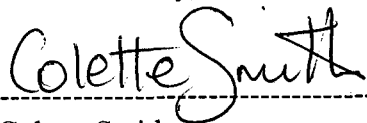
I refer to the above application for a waste licence and would wish to object to the granting of it on the following grounds:

- As a resident in the immediate area of the proposal, I am very concerned on the implications such a facility would have on health. Nobody can say what chemical reactions take place in landfill, what gases are produced or what effect these gases have on people's health. There is no proof available to show that the facility is not harmful to health. You cannot assume that this facility is not having adverse effects on people's health.
- The existing landfill and the proposed facility is to cover an expansive area. This area will take in various kinds of waste and land filled. I feel that there is a danger that parts of this waste could segregate down through the earth's surface and pollute underground waterways and wells where many residents including myself rely on for a source of natural water for drinking and domestic purposes. Again there is no proof that this will not be effected or if has been already by the present facility.
- It has been accepted in the EPA's own reports, that pollution and bad management of the present facility are normal practice and indeed Cavan County Council have already been prosecuted successfully for breaches of the existing licence. Oxigen have repeatedly broken the existing licence on a number of different issues. I would therefore contend that the present facility should be closed and no new licence should be granted for expansion of activities on this site.
- If this licence is granted, it will extend the live of the present site and create untold problems for local residents and visitors to the area. The suffering that people have already experienced from the present facility will undoubtedly be increased in the future.

- I believe that the proposed site for such a facility is inappropriately located. The site is in close proximity to a large town, two villages and many rural houses. The present facility has a huge adverse effect on the people in these areas. The value of property in the area has been adversely affected by the present facility. Granting this licence will further devalue property in the area.
- The way in which the present facility has affected people lives is totally unacceptable. I personally have felt sick while training on the local G.A.A pitch from the foul smell. The windows in my house cannot be opened due to bad odours. My clothes cannot be hung out to dry because they come in smelling foul. I do not want my new home being polluted any more. At this stage it is embarrassing to admit that I have become immune to the smell and when my friends or family that live outside the Cavan area visit, they always comment upon the smell. I do not want my local area or home polluted any more.

I thank you for your time in reading this submission and ask you take its content into account and consider all the genuine concerns before arriving at a decision on this application for a licence.

Yours faithfully,



Colette Smith

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