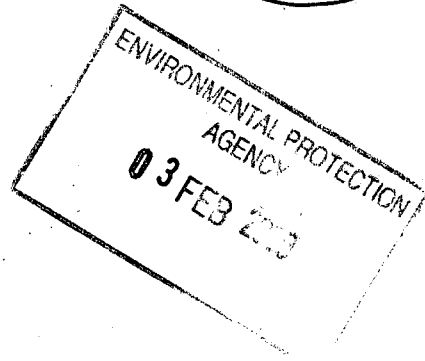


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Townparks,
Ballyhaise,
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Environmental Protection Agency
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29th January 2009

Re: Application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd. For a licence to operate an integrated Waste Management Facility at Lismagratty and Corranure Townlands, Cavan Co. Cavan
Your reference: WO248/01

Dear Sirs

I refer to the above application and now wish to make the following objections to the granting of the above for the following reasons

1. The location for this proposed facility is totally inappropriate as it is situated approximately 2 miles from Cavan Town, a busy urban town. As such it will have a huge negative impact on Schools, hospitals, crèches and business alike. It is also close to two villages (including Ballyhaise where I live) and many rural houses, on which the existing facility has an enormous adverse effect. The thoughts of this facility expanding even further is nothing less than terrifying to many residents in the area.
2. Cavan town is a busy business town but I know people are avoiding it because of the unbearable smell. This of course will not only effect local trade but also discourage people coming in to establish businesses. People will leave not attempted to stay. It simply defies logic that this proposal is in an area zoned by Cavan County Council.
3. On a personal level it is totally unbelievable that this same "dump" is now impinging in a way that we never thought possible. Over the past few years the smell from the landfill site has become more and more unbearable. The odour is like a noxious gas, rotten eggs and methane all rolled into one. On days when it is particularly bad we are literally housebound. We cannot open a window never mind go outside, the smell is so completely oppressive and repulsive. The quality of our lives here in our own house has been lesson. What was once our sanctuary is at times now a prison

On some occasions even though the windows are closed the smell simply seeps through the walls and there is no escape from it.

4. The value of property in this area has been adversely affected by the present facility but granting of this licence will compound this and further devalue property. This property which the owners should have an expectation of reasonable open market value and should be able to live in without difficulty. The Local Authority, in expanding the zoned area around the existing landfill site, did not take due account of its impact on local residents and by not doing so contravened the very principles on which their own development plans are based.
5. It has been accepted in the Agency's own reports, that pollution and bad management of the present facility are normal practice and indeed Cavan County Council has already been prosecuted successfully for breaches of the existing licence. I would therefore contend that the present facility should be closed and no new licence should be granted for expansion of facilities on this site.
6. I also question the manner of disposal of lechiate from the present facility and the manner by which same is conveyed to the sewerage treatment works. I also question the ability of the local sewerage works to deal with lechiate and whether the sewerage treatment works and designed to treat this lechiate.

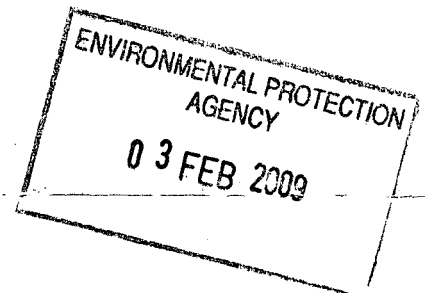
While I do agree with recycling and the principles around an MBT plant, I do not believe that the site at Corranure is an appropriate one, nor is it being run efficiently

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

Yours Faithfully



Brian Fitzsimons



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