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

Re: Application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd, for a licence to operate an Integrated Waste Management Facility at Lismagratty and Corranure Townslands, Cavan, Co. Cavan. Your ref: W0248/01

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24th February 2009

Dear Sirs

We refer to the above application and now wish to make the following objection to the granting of the above for the following reasons:

- 1. The location for the proposed facility is inappropriate given that it is in close proximity to the county town, two villages, large number of residential houses and agricultural farms. The proposed facility is also in close proximity to a number of historical forts. The sitting for the proposed development is unsuitable.
- 2. The volume of additional traffic the proposed development will bring onto out local road will be enormous. At present the roads are unsuitable for the volumes of traffic associated with the landfill. However the projected increased volume will have serious implications for the health and safety of existing road users and the local community.
- 3. The ongoing pollution arising from the existing facility at present is totally unacceptable. This has been highlighted in the EPA's interim inspection reports of the landfill and the County Council have been previously prosecuted for their breaches of the existing licence. The present and previous operators of the landfill have been unable to operate the facility in accordance with the licence requirements. Therefore the facility should be permanently closed, as it poses a serious health and safety risk.
- 4. We have both lived and worked in the locality all of our lives. We have recently built a new house and home in Drumbo. The value of our property has been greatly reduced due to the mismanagement of the landfill facility.

- 5. In recent times, the quality of our lives has been affected by the nuisance smells from the landfill. When the smell is bad, we are unable to sleep at night. We both enjoy walks in the area with our dog, we cannot enjoy this pastime on occasions when the smell is very bad.
- 6. The nuisance smells affects our normal day to day lives, we have to resort to closing windows in our house to reduce the possibility of the smell entering. We also unable to dry clothes outside.
- 7. We are seriously concerned about the quality of the air that we breathe especially when the smell from the landfill is bad. We fear the implications which the quality of air has on our health.

As concerned local residents, we ask that the Environmental Protection Agency refuse this application for a licence and work towards the closure of the landfill.

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Yours faithfully Carto

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