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Environmental Protection Agency

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

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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

Dear Sirs

I 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 mappropriate 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 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.
- 3. The nuisance smell emanating from the landfill site has affected my life in a number of ways. On occasions, I am unable to sleep at night with the smell from the landfill. When the smell is very bad, I have to remain indoors and resort to closing all windows to reduce the possibility of the smell entering my house. At times, I cannot leave clothes out to dry on the line. I cannot enjoy my walks in the locality especially on the Drumbo/Antiduff road on which I live due to the smell from the landfill.
- 4. I have lived in this area for most of my life and have reared my family in Drumbo. It is only in recent years that my life has been affected by the bad smells from the landfill. My grandchildren visit me regularly, they enjoy playing with my dog, however on

occasions, I cannot allow them to play outside when the smell is bad. I am saddened that the Landfill now reduces the quality of life that I can enjoy.

I ask that the Environmental Protection Agency refuse this application for a licence and work towards the closure of the landfill to improve my quality of life.

Yours faithfully

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