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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 ongoing pollution arising from the existing facility at present is totally unacceptable. This has been highlighted in the EPA is 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.
- 2. The location for the proposed facility is inappropriate given that it is in close proximity to the Cavan Town, Ballyhaise, Butlersbridge and a large number of residential houses and agricultural farms. In today's current economic environment, the people of Cavan want to attract tourists, new businesses and new people. However on many occasions, new people coming to the town are first met with the smell from the landfill on the Cavan by-pass. The smell discourages new business and tourism in the Cavan area.
- 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.
- 4. I am concerned about serious breaches of the Landfill Licence and the health and safety issues arising from the mismanagement of the site.
- 5. The mismanagement of the landfill site and the nuisance smells has reduced my quality of life. I have serious concerns over the quality of air I breathe in and the impact it will have on my health in the future.

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

Yours Sincerely

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