

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY

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Honey,  
Cavan

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the application by Oxygen Environmental Ltd for a licence to operate an integrated waste management facility at Longrattay, Carran townlands, Coot Hill Rd, Cavan, Co. Cavan, your ref W0205101.

Whilst living close to the above landfill site we have been constantly exposed to a very bad smell which gets virtually unbearable at various times, especially weather. I feel it is a shame in this day and age that I and my family must put up with this smell. We have two little girls age 4 and 1 and I am particularly concerned about letting them outside our house to play as they must breathe whatever is in the air. As a result we often have to keep them inside.

I no longer go running in the area any more as I also do not want to be exposed to this smell. I usually go a few miles away to breathe in some clean air. I am also worried about the quality of the air at our national school which is less than two miles away which our children will be attending soon. Can it be right that all these children will be at school and play in these conditions? Not to mention two secondary schools and the main county town also within two miles of the existing landfill. All the people of the surrounding areas have had to live with this nuisance on the doorstep for many years despite frequent promises from first Cavan Co. Council and now Oxygen to do something about it, which they seem unable to achieve.

I call on the agency to refuse application for a licence in this matter and to press for the closure of the present facility. Surely we have a right to step outside our door first thing each morning and breathe in some fresh air.

Yours Sincerely,

