

Fairtown
Cavan
Co Cavan

6 May 2009



Application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd, for a Licence to operate an Integrated Waste Management Facility at Lismagratty and Corranure Townlands, Cootehill Rd, Cavan Co Cavan.

Your Ref:W0248/01

Dear Sir/Madam

Please include my witness statement as a submission against Oxigen's application for a new landfill licence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. O'Brien".

Tony O'Brien

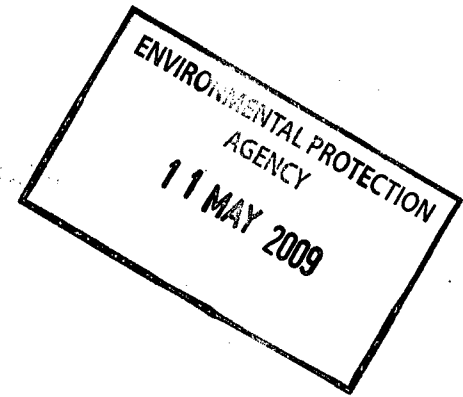
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Criminal Justice Act 1984,

Section 21

STATEMENT OF WITNESS



STATEMENT OF TONY O'Brien
of FAIRTOWN, cavan

Tel. No. 049 436-2468

Occupation IT TUTOR

Date of Birth over 21

Taken on 02/12/2008

at (place) TONY O'BRIENS RESIDENCE, FAIRTOWN

by (Name, Position or Office) Kealan Reynolds, OEE Castlebar.

I hereby declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I will be liable to prosecution if I state in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

I have been living in this residence for 16 years. I am living here with my wife and three children. I live less than 1 mile from Corranure Dump by road and less than that "as the crow flies". When I originally bought my property the landfill was a small local dump and did not cause many problems. Up to and until about 3 years ago the landfill was quite small however in recent years the size and scale of the dump has increased significantly. The amount of waste being accepted at the dump has increased and waste appears to be brought in now from lots of other counties. In the past 3 years the smell from the landfill is having a negative impact on our day to day lifestyle. The smell around the house from the landfill is occasional and it is getting more and more frequent in the last 12 months. During calm frosty weather or just calm weather the smell would linger around the house all day. The smell is occasionally easily detectable at our house in the garden. The smell is frequently very strong along the road between our house and the dump site. During Christmas 2007 the smell from the dump was very bad and I got the smell at my house, in Cavan Town and in a lot of areas around Cavan Town. The bad smell from the landfill is constantly present every week either at my house or on the road between my house or on the road between my house and cavan Town in recent months. I complained to Cavan Co. Co. on a number of occasions however I did not feel that they responded well to my complaints. When Oxigen took over the site I expected that they would improve the situation and did not complain for a number of months, however the

odours coming from the facility have got worse since Oxigen took over the site. I became aware that Oxigen Env. Ltd. had plans to expand the existing landfill facility and I attended some meetings organised by the Cavan Better Waste Management Committee. By attending these meetings I became more aware of the proposed developments at the oxigen Dump site. I began to contact the EPA again to complain about the smells from the dump as I felt previous complaints to Cavan CoCo were not dealt with appropriately. I have been shown a copy of a telephone complaint ^ by Kealan Reynolds dated 28/10/2008 and I am satisfied that it is a true record of a complaint made to the EPA ^ by me on that date, there was awful smells coming from Corranure Landfill that day, I signed and dated this document and it is marked TOB1. I have been shown a copy of a telephone complaint ^ by Kealan Reynolds record dated 02\11\08 and I am satisfied it is a true account of a complaint that I made to th EPA on the 02\11\08, the complaint referred the weekend of Nov. 1st and 2nd and there was a sickening smell comg fro th Landfill, the bad smell was bad over th previous number of weeks but was particularly bad over the weekend of Nov. 1st and 2nd, this document is marked TOB2 which I have signed and dated. I have been shown a copy of a telephone complaint record by Kealan Reynolds dated 25\11\2008 and I am satisfied that it is a true record of a complaint I made on the 24\11\2008, there was awful horrib smells coming from th landfill on this occassion. This document is marked TOB3 which I have signed and dated. I like to spend a lot of time outdoors in my garden and I realy enjoy this aspect of my life however during the occassions when I am working outdoors I would get the offensive smell from the dump. I have had friends that called to my house from Kilkenny and they said to me that the smell from the dump was very bad. The smell from the dump is worse beside the dump than at my house. I am living here for 16 years and I am very aware of other rural type smells, and I know the smell of the local piggery but the smell I get from the landfill is distinctive and I can clearly distinguish it from other smells: this statement has been read over to me and I am satisfied that it is correct and I have ben invited to to make any alterations or amendments and I don't wish to make any.

SIGNED T. O'Brien

WITNESSED: Kealan Reynolds 02/12/08 Noel Vizzard

Position or Office: