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Ms. Tracy Berney
Programme Officer
Licensing Guidance Section
Environmental Protection Authority
PO Box 3000
Johnstown Castle Estate
Wexford

Re: Objection to proposal from Cork County Council to amend the Licence for the
landfill in Bottlehill

Dear Madam,

We are living approx 2.5 kms from the new landfill in Bottlehill.

We have recently attended a "consultation meeting" where we were informed that Cork County Council was applying to the EPA to have a condition of their Licence to operate changed.

This condition is recognised by the local community as the most environmentally protective condition – "that the waste coming to the landfill is mainly baled and only in exceptional circumstances that unbaled be accepted in the landfill".

It was very obvious to all who attended this "consultation meeting" that their reasons for this request are completely financially motivated and have no consideration for our local environment and the impact of such a huge amendment on the overall ecology of Bottlehill and surrounding areas.

This lack of consideration is ironic considering that the Bottlehill site was originally regarded as a geologically unsuitable site for a landfill and for this substantial reason, strict conditions were set out in the licence.

It is egotistical of Cork County Council to postulate making amendments willy nilly as their finances will dictate and not as set out in the licensing process. Which condition will they want to amend next?

It is time to prioritise our environment and thus we are requesting strongly that the licence remain unaltered.

Sincerely,

Gerard and Sinead Ambrose.