

Rathfeigh Historical Society

Tara, Co. Meath.

18th. Nov. 2009.

The old watch-house at Rathfeigh graveyard.
Mr. Stuart Huskisson,

E.P.A. Regional inspectorate, Richview, Clonskeagh Rd., Dublin 14.

Dear sir,

27/8/2007

We are enclosing a copy of our letter of Jan. 109.

Also, copy of letter to Meath Co. Co.

But we now learn that many of the rules and regulations laid down by Meath Co. Co. in regard to this application are not being adhered to.

It is of grave concern that the huge amount of material from this abattoir (75,000 cattle slaughtered in 2008) will cause great offence to this whole area.

Yours truly,

Hon Sec

Chairman.

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15th, Nov. 2009.

C.E.O. Environmental Dept., Meath Co. Co. Navan. File ref. 09276

Dear Sir/Madam,

The members of Rathfeigh Hist. Soc. are very worried about the recent increase in digging work at lagoons near the Hurley river at Macetown, Rathfeigh, Tara by Michael Fox.

These lagoons operate in conjunction with a large livestock unit.

The members of the Society fear that prohibited material from an abattoir at Cooksgrove, Duleek, (Euro Farm Foods) many miles away, is being transported by tanker to the lands at Rathfeigh to this newly excavated pond.

This Hurley river runs into the Nanny river which runs on to the sea at Laytown.

We now learn that Mr. Fox has access to several large amounts of land, to spread this material but we doubt this acreage (or nectares) being available for spreading, as a lot of this land would have crops growing and animals grazing it for most of the year. Also vegetables and potatoes are grown on some of this land.

Please think carefully about granting this licence.

The big worry is what damage that this material will do to the waterways and private wells in the long term as there is no way anyone could guarantee that (eventually) this won't leech into the ground and therefore into rivers and wells.

Hon. Sec. Joan Callaghas.
Chairman Jan Pen ton

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Mr. Stuart Huskisson, E.P.A. Regional Inspectorate, Richview, Clonskeagh Rd., Dublin 14.

Dear Sir,

At our meeting on Tuesday night a lot of concern was expressed by our members re. the material from an abattoir owned by Michael Fox, Rathfeigh, Tara, (Euro Farm Foods) being allowed to run into a reed bed very close to the Hursey river at Macetown, Tara.

Now, we believe he has permission to let the effluent from cattle sheds run into this reed bed, but it is obvious that the material from the abattoir is also going in and we would like someone from your department to have a look and to let us know what can be done about this.

Reg. Application No. PQ822-01

We would be most grateful if you could give this your attention and let us know what to do about it, thanking you

Yours truly,

Joan Gallagher, Hon. Sec.

James Pentony, Chairman.

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15th, Jan. 2009.

E.P.A.
Johnstown Castle,
Wexford.

Office of climate licensing resource use.

To Marie Harris,

Re. Application for license PO 822-01 to spread effluent and offal from an abattoir in Duleek, Co. Meath on the lands at Rathfeigh by Mr. Michael Fox.

The members of Rathfeigh Historical Society are appealing to you not to grant this licence, as the runoff from this is bound to pollute the Hurley and Burley rivers as the land slopes severely towards them.

There is also a lot of concern that this will have a detrimental affect on this most historical and scenic rural place.

In this immediate area there is a beautiful valley, a Mass Rock, a Motte, a school, a church, a Watch-house, a graveyard, and the very historical ruined Macetown Castle.

This material is bound to cause terrible smells and will be extremely unfair to local residents, not to mention a possible health hazard. It is hoped that the E.P.A. in its wisdom will refuse this license.

Yours sincerely, Hon. Sec.

Chairman.



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