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RE: SUBMISSION on Application by OXIGEN ENVIRONMENTAL LTD.  
FOR A LICENCE TO EXTEND THE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT  
FACILITY AT LISMAGRATTY + CORRANURE, CAVAN.

To: Whom it may concern

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I wish to object to the granting of the above as over the years I have had to tolerate the terrible odour which has been increasing in recent times as can be evidenced from the enclosed copy of the Anglo Celt following the stench from the landfill last weekend which was quite intolerable. This is an on-going problem and seems to be without resolution. I have also had a dreadful problem with litter - again no resolution. The traffic problem speaks for itself - an endless stream of trucks on a part of the road which is quite inadequate for such a volume of heavy traffic. The birds attracted by the landfill have done an endless amount of damage to property.

Recently the raising of the level of the landfill over my holding blocking the drain due to the subsidence with the weight of product, creating a pump on my lands which frequently fills with leachate poisonous to animals on my farm & has turned a portion of my property into a wasteland. Leachate is still creating a problem - again unresolved.

The management of the facility has to be called into question as the problems occurring when Cavan County Council were operating & prosecuted

for some have still not been resolved and indeed have magnified.

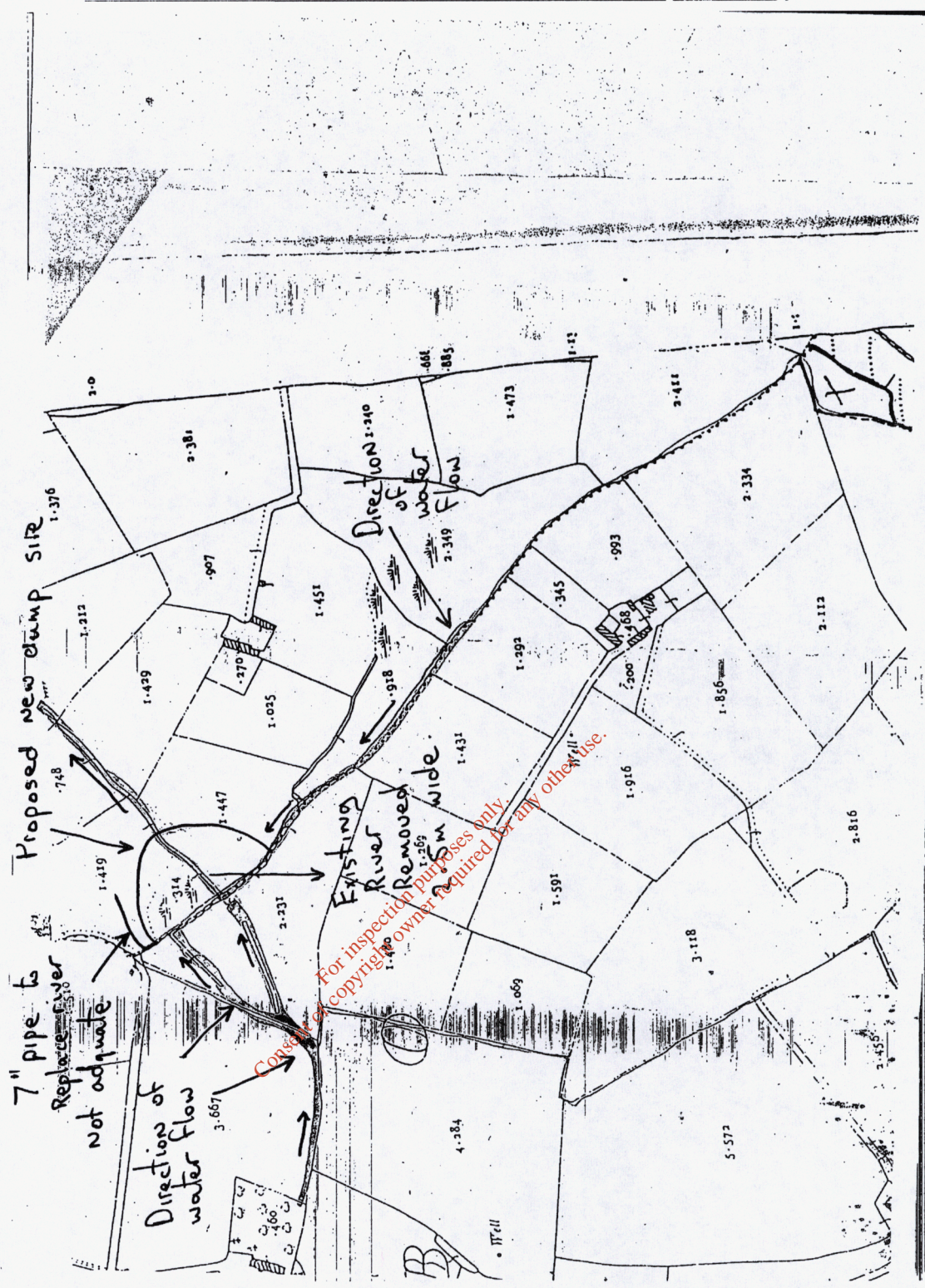
The fact that none of the problems with the landfill have been resolved and in fact have worsened to an intolerable degree the extension should in no way be granted.

I am enclosing as previously stated a copy of the Anglo Celt referring to the landfill plus a map of my property which will be adversely affected by any such extension

Signed Edmund McCabe  
EDMUND McCABE

P.S. ENCLOSED POSTAL ORDER FOR £200.00

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Proposed new dump site

7" pipe to replace river not adequate

Existing River Removed 25m wide

Direction of water flow

Direction of water flow

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## A Bridge too far

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# 'Worst weekend ever' with smell from Corranure

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A CAVAN 1956 group welcomed a move by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue air quality licences to reduce the amount of biodegradable waste that goes to the Corranure landfill on the outskirts of Cavan town.

Cian Murtagh, chairman of the Cavan Better Waste Management group, said the smell from the landfill was the worst weekend he had ever end with an offensive landfill.

He said that 200 members of the group took countless calls over the weekend and on Monday were very angry people. It was around the landfill in Corranure and Ballyvaughan. At night, children being sick and terrible headaches. It was the worst weekend ever, said Murtagh.

In a statement, the EPA said that Corranure was one of a number of landfills being reviewed by the EPA as part of the review process. Objections can be made to the EPA review no later than November 16.



Cian Murtagh outlines the committee view point at a previous Cavan Better Waste Management meeting. Photo: Alan Dunlop

biodegradable waste going to the landfill and to impose stringent new conditions to minimise odour at the landfill," said the EPA release.

While welcoming the EPA's decision to restrict further the amount of biodegradable waste which causes the smell coming to the landfill, Mr Murtagh is insisting that the EPA change the way it assesses the landfill. "Oxygen has shown complete disregard for direct instructions from the EPA. We won't listen and they won't need the more stringent conditions," he said.

When you read reports every two months going back two years and the first line reads the level of non-compliance at this site is causing great concern to the EPA, it doesn't give you any confidence," added Murtagh.

He then called on the EPA to close Corranure to landfill until the next Christmas until

producing the offensively smelling methane gas.

However, Cian Murtagh has said that Cavan Better Waste Management is still opposing the plans for the MBT plant, largely on the basis of Oxigen's track record at Corranure and the fact that people don't have faith in them to run the facility properly.

He noted that Cavan County Council officials and councillors travelled with Oxigen recently to see a fully functioning MBT plant in Germany but Mr Murtagh said that members of Cavan Better Waste Management declined to go on the trip.

"They went to see an excellent facility in Germany run by an excellent company with a proven track record, they're not comparable. They're missing the point," remarked Mr Murtagh.

However, County manager Jack Hayes is on the record as saying that Cavan intends to be one of the first counties in the country to move towards the type of biological treatment technology that is commonplace in Europe and which the council sees as a key to diverting waste from landfill.

Despite this, the Cavan Better Waste Management group believes it has a fighting chance of achieving its original goal of getting the Corranure landfill closed when its licence expires in 2019.

At the time of going to print, no reply had been received from Oxigen in relation to the latest developments.



The Department of Agriculture, Cavan celebrated 20 years in Cavan this weekend. Members gathered to remember deceased staff of the Department with Minister Brian Cowen. For full story, see page 2.

# Home helpers welcome rather than leave

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HOME help hours have been cut back with the result that some are putting in extra time unpaid, out of their own pockets, duty members of Cavan County Council have claimed.

A call for the RISH to stop changing home help hours for elderly people at short notice, made by Cllr John O'Hare at Monday's meeting of the council, sparked the outcry about home help cutbacks.

For Health Minister, Professor Brian Cowen, chief executive of the HSE, said was a very upsetting for old and vulnerable people after outlining unpaid work done by their home help.

Other council members, however, joined in voicing concern about home help services being cut back with some saying they know of cases where home help workers have volunteered to do their own community service user.

There have been a major cutbacks, said Cllr Pauline McGenley for Sinn Féin. "Some people get as little as 15 minutes a day. What good is that to anyone," she asked, pointing out that in these quarter hours, are added together, it leaves the service user without any help at all.