

Submission

on behalf of

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Addressed to

Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Application to the EPA by Murphy Environmental Hollywood Limited for a hazardous waste license for a facility at Hollywood Great, Nags Head, Naul, County Dublin.

Waste License W0129-03

Dear Sirs,

I wish to make a submission concerning the proposal by Murphy Environmental Hollywood Limited for a hazardous waste license for a facility at Hollywood Great, Nags Head, Naul, Co. Dublin.

Firstly it is noted that the Lusk-Bog of the Ring groundwater body underlies the footprint of the proposed landfill site. The adjacent Bog of the Ring is a rich source of potable water for surrounding towns and villages. The aquifer under the proposed site is linked to the Bog of the Ring and many boreholes in the area are artesian in nature. It is recalled, during excavation of stone from the quarry around 15 years ago, that the cavity was so deep that the underlying aquifer seeped into the hole. To fill such a cavity with hazardous waste is dangerous in the extreme and provides an unacceptable risk to groundwater and to the underlying aquifer.

While some figures and scenarios are provided about traffic, the EIS fails to note that a new larger school has received the 'go-ahead' for construction at the Five Roads (to replace the existing school at Hedgestown). Construction of the new school has gone to tender, with access to the new school to be at the small roundabout to the west of the R132 at the Five Roads. The much reduced level of traffic on the road from the R132 to the proposed landfill (LP01080), in recent years, was a significant consideration during planning for the school. The increased level of heavy vehicle traffic resulting from the proposed facility at Hollywood Great will pose a huge danger to school-children and parents.

It is noted that the Roads and Traffic section of the EIS fails to mention that a school bus travels along the route from the R132 and past the proposed facility. It is further noted that no mention is made of the Bus Eireann bus-stops located at Rowans or Five Roads, which are much closer to the proposed facility and are used by many school-children.

I hope that you will consider these comments and find them helpful, particularly since any potential contamination of groundwater poses an unacceptable risk to a protected and valuable resource and the health of our children is of paramount importance. If you require any clarification on the above or require further information, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Dermot Sheridan

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