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Subject: FW: Proposed Waste Licence at Murphy's Quarry, Hollywood, Lusk, Co. Dublin

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Subject: Proposed Waste Licence at Murphy's Quarry, Hollywood, Lusk, Co. Dublin

Hollywood Road

The Tooman

Lusk

Co. Dublin

Environmental Protection Agency

Waste Licensing Section

Co. Wexford

Re: Proposed Waste Licence at Murphy's Quarry, Hollywood, Lusk, Co. Dublin

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Dear Mr Meaney

In relation to the above proposed waste licence application and in particular the oral hearing taking place at the moment we would like to strenuously voice our concerns on the impact this licence, if granted, would have on our family.

We are local residents of the area living approximately 200 - 300 meters from Murphy's Quarry (in fact the boundary of which is clearly visible from our kitchen window). In order for vehicles to access and egress the quarry they must pass the front of our family home. Due to the gradient of the road - an extremely steep incline has already, on numerous occasions, caused HGVs to overturn. From a safety perspective alone this as well as the possible risk of spillage of potentially hazardous materials and noise pollution are very worrying. If this licence is granted the volume of traffic would, no doubt, significantly increase and, we feel, pose an even greater risk to our family.

Due to the fact that asthma is prevalent in our family the potential environmental and health risks of airborne ash is very concerning to us as we have 4 children all of which suffer from asthma. Our youngest daughter (aged 7) is on numerous inhalers on a daily basis and has had to attend hospital, on occasion, for treatment. For this reason alone we are already restricted from opening our front windows due to the excess dust which already exists from the large volume of HGVs travelling to the quarry which, in turn, can trigger her asthma.

Other areas of concern are the threat of possible contamination to the water supply and also the property devaluation. We have recently tried to sell our property and have unfortunately been unsuccessful which we feel is fundamentally due to the waste licence application as well as the proposed Tooman/Nevitt landfill site which is also situated within very close proximity to our home.

We feel the proposed site is unquestionably not suitable for such a development as its potential health and safety implications to the community are far too great.

Should you wish to contact us please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Lisa Howley

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