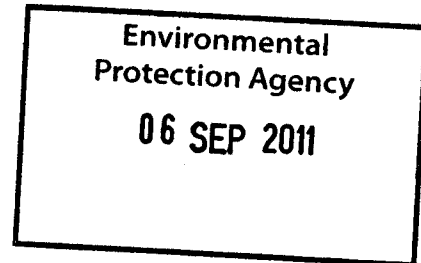


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**Ref: Murphy environmental Hollywood limited.**

**Application for hazardous waste licence at Hollywood, Naul, Co Dublin.  
Application no: WO129-03.**

To whom it concerns

I wish to make a submission concerning the request by the above company Murphy Environmental Hollywood for a license to landfill hazardous and toxic waste at Hollywood. I want this application to be rejected and am seriously concerned for the welfare of my parents Sean & Bridget Moore, myself, my siblings and our community.

I grew up here and farmed the surrounding land. I hope to build and have a family here. I am really upset by what is happening. There are numerous reasons why you should reject this application. Knowing the area intimately I present the following;

Water is a scarce and valuable commodity to be protected. The Hollywood reservoir is actually by this site, there are numerous underwater springs in the surrounding fields, there are 2 big springs in the quarry, 1 is now covered in but I remember water being constantly pumped out of the quarry and flowing down the ditches and road. There is a test water pipe sunk in our field attaching the quarry that is always being tested. The bog of the ring aquifer is close by; there are numerous private wells, rivers full of aquatic life, and livestock drinking holes. I cannot see how it can be justified to put a toxic dump where there is any risk it can be contaminated. I do not believe there is conclusive research and evidence to show it is guaranteed that there will be absolutely no risk of contamination, now or in the future maintenance of the site. For this reason alone the application must be rejected.

The roads leading to this facility are not suitable for this level of activity. They are narrow, winding, steep, poorly surfaced, badly maintained. There are numerous private driveways off the road. The hedgestown School will be in this pathway. It is totally unacceptable that our children's lives will be put at risk every day.

Agriculture is vital for the Irish economy. This is an important corridor for the industry, for the production of Milk, beef, lamb, vegetables and fruit. It is the garden of Fingal. This is now in jeopardy. Please help, please stop this destruction.

It would present a health hazard to all who live and work close by. This hill is windswept, severely at times. By its nature toxic ash could be airborne causing respiratory complaints & Cancers. Can it be unequivocally guaranteed that there will be no leakage of toxins both at the site and in the transportation of the toxic waste to the site? In addition an accident, explosion, or fire would be catastrophic for us and generations to come.

Noise pollution from the high volume of trucks would be unbearable. When Murphy's was operating as a quarry the noise levels were agonizing, it travelled for miles. It was not possible to walk the roads. The proposed truck volume in this report is far higher than previous levels, not to mention the actual fumes from the trucks themselves. Obesity is a growing issue in Ireland. We all use the road for walking, cycling, running, horse riding, to maintain a healthy lifestyle. How would this be possible in the future? People come from miles away to cycle and take in the scenery in this quiet area, this will be destroyed.

Hollywood is a historical and picturesque area with a strong sense of community. The vistas over Dublin are stunning. There are protected sites close by including the Hollywood graveyard. It is close to the historical Hill of Knockbrack. It attracts tourists, an industry important for Ireland and should be protected. MEHL try to claim that it is a positive thing to put a toxic dump here as it will fill the quarry in, there are many ways to fill a quarry in, putting a toxic dump in is never going to be positive, how can it be? The owners of Murphy's do not live here; they will not suffer the consequences. They have profited for years from the quarry, why should the locals suffer from this latest development. Planning permission has already been rejected to MEHL, why is it still being considered? Is it a matter of asking over and over until they get granted permission, this should not be the case. Simply put, it's unjust.

There will be destruction of property value, loss of income & livelihood. People have worked their entire lives to live here in peace and safety; it is our fundamental human right. This should not be taken away.

In conclusion, there are more suitable places for this toxic dump. Hollywood is not a suitable site for all the reasons stated above. I do not believe there is conclusive evidence to show it is absolutely guaranteed that there will be no risk of contamination to ground water, soil and air. Please protect us and our environment and generations to come.

Yours Sincerely

Sharon Moore