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## SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO: PL 16.207212.Defer Re O/H ☐

TO:SEO

Having considered the contents of the submission ~~dated~~ received 06/10/04 fromMary Corduff. I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000☒/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s): No new issues.E.O.: Kieron SamersDate: 06/10/04

To EO: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage. ☒~~Section 131 to be invoked – allow 2/4 weeks for reply.~~ ☐S.E.O.: M. G. [Signature]Date: 06/10/04

S.A.O.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please prepare BP \_\_\_\_\_ - Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission

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Allow 2/4weeks – BP \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CORRESPONDENCE FORM

Appeal No: PL 16.207212

M c. Fagan

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EO: <u>Kieron Somers</u>	AA: <u>James Fagan</u>
Date: <u>06/10/04</u>	Date: <u>6/10/04</u>

To:- An Bord Pleanála.  
Your Ref.:- PI 16.207212.  
P.A.Reg.Ref.:- P03/3343.

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Observations on Further information supplied to An Bord Pleanála on behalf of Shell E & P Ireland Ltd., re. development of a gas refinery/terminal at Ballinaboy and a waste peat dump/depository at Srahmore, in the barony of Erris.

Observations by:- Mary Corduff & Family.  
Contact:- Mary Corduff, Rosport South, Ballina, Co. Mayo.

The further information supplied is rather further misinformation and is an insult to the intelligence of the Board and of us the appellants, who are the people who can be affected by this proposal. The request for field testing is answered by further laboratory tests: i.e. they have nothing to show the Board on what the Board considers rightly to be unclear. Were we, farmers, to respond thus to the Department of Agriculture, our position in the official farming set-up would rapidly deteriorate.

The bit of Swedish surprised: it must have made Torleach Johnson feel important. He would not however feel it funny if we insisted on the full application of the Irish language conditions vis a vis planning in Gaeltacht areas. However we are not in to playing games with this serious matter.

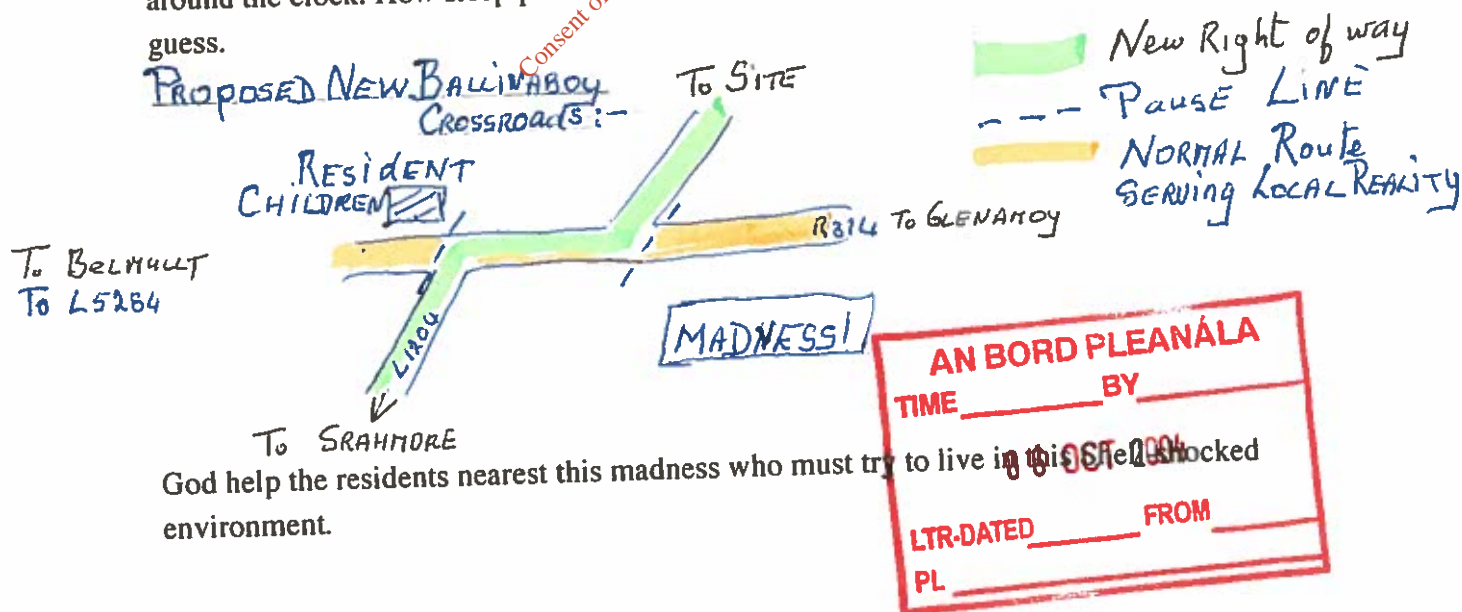
Further to the SGI tests, we find no information on the manner of collection and delivery of samples to Scandinavia - by land, by sea, in boxes in plastic bags in controlled pressures in controlled temperatures?. This is paramount to the integrity of the tests carried out. Anyhow, field trials is what were sought by the Board: not a repeat of laboratory tests already done.

The emphasis on Irish cement is amusing and smacks of desperation. It is not legal to specify the origin of the cement to be bought, and anyhow, does anyone believe that "Irish" cement will be bought by a contractor, if a cheaper alternative is available?

**Roads:-** So they will encourage us to use the L5284, i.e. Bóthar an Locha - well, we need encouragement. No one in his/her right mind uses Bóthar an Locha except when wandering aimlessly to and from nowhere in particular. It is a mere lane: a bóithrín: the surface is awful, 'tis very twisted, as it is mostly on the verge of the lake under any tide, any sudden manoeuvres are a recipe for a bath, and not intentional. (The last traveller

taking the shortcut along Bóthar an Locha who ended up in the lake was a musician who has since died: in the interim he proudly declared himself 'The Boy in the Lough'. It is not a road anyone uses if there is an alternative. No one carries cattle to mart along it: or goes to mass: or shops: or does any normal day to day activity using this back-road. There has recently been (1997) a landslide on this road at Na Doiríní (Derreens), near Barr na Trá, at the in-put point to the pump-house for the Regional Water Scheme: sheep and bales were swept into the lake and substantial mud/bog, down from Cnoc na Scollop. We do not intend to take our live in our hands by accepting this choice as a normal route from anywhere to anywhere. As for emergency traffic - hospital or other sickness - how are we expected to get the meaning of emergency through to the Road Runners appointed by Shell to speed their lorries on their merry way. It could even be a call from Castlebar Hospital or becoming more common from University Hospital, Galway conveying news that must be responded to: or a life and death matter, of someone seriously ill. Emergencies happen into the area as well as out. We do not like this stuff: we believe it to be dangerous. We do not believe that the Road Runners will try to stop the fire brigade, but at the rate of a lorry a minute + normal traffic any sudden occurrence can be disastrous. Is it intended to compensate us for our extra substantial travel and time costs?

For us who live in Dún Chaocháin a lot of pauses are intended for us. How many pauses per day, for us or for the Ballinaboy people? A new main road and two new side roads are intended to be invented at Ballinaboy Crossroads to facilitate Shell and no one else, and anyone with experience of a similar lay-out is aware of the accidents that inevitably happen there. There seems to be no intention to abide by any length of day conditions, as it is made clear by the applicant that if they consider it necessary, they intend to work around the clock. How sleep patterns of children will adapt to this abuse is anyone's guess.



**Silt Ponds:-** As the Applicant pointed out in June 2001, *Introduction to Appendices, Appendix J1, Ballinaboy Bridge Terminal EIS April 2001* "Peat silt particles have a low specific gravity 1.02 - 1.04. Because of this, accumulation and settling will only take place under quiescent conditions, i.e. very low flow velocities. Bord na Móna have found that the flow rate must be kept below 15cm/sec, to avoid the re-suspension of silt particles. Independent work on silt pond design in Finland (IVO Engineering) indicates that 10cm/sec is the maximum flow that should be allowed in a silt pond. This supports the Bord na Móna experience." How can the run-off from a major event be controlled so that the particles of silt only move at 10cm/sec? Silt ponds are always full: more rain just displaces the water that is already up to the outlet, and so the silt has no chance of settling, except "under quiescent conditions, i.e. very low flow velocities." The recent rainfall experience has shown how far out the expectations of sudden events have been - Glengad etc. This August (2004) are said to have had only 3 dry days: figures for Sept. are not yet published but it has been nearly as bad and as anyone knows, more average rainfall means more extreme events.

**Geotechnical Risk:-** We don't understand why TPA included this manual (Clayton) for it does not cover peat conditions. Is there anymore to be said? Standards for hens do not cover standards for sheep.

In the recent Prime Time program that touched on the Corrib project, Andy Pyle, M.D. of the project put his finger on the weakness of this proposal. He did not call it a "project": he called it a "*concept*". He is right, creative. Are our lives and livelihoods to be risked for a "*concept*"?

During the last year there have been many cases of dire accidents involving the rupturing of gas pipelines. All of them have been of refined gas, cleared of their toxicities, although the recent escape of gas on the Cormorant rig in the North Sea controlled by Shell seems to be of raw gas. We need only mention Algeria, Brussels, China, West Texas - all killers more than any tornado. The most recent accident - although we were once told that a pipe rupture is practically impossible - to be brought to our notice on RTE Teletex, Sept. 30th, 2004, refers to a rupture of a gas pipeline that caused the evacuation of residents in the surrounding area by the fire brigade. How can anyone now say that a leak is unlikely? This pipe - with untreated gas upstream and treated gas downstream - goes through deep bog on the site. Clayton does not seem to have come across this type of hazard either?

Shell has not provided the further information requested. So bad is the presentation that we wonder if they actually want the Board to turn down the project to save them digging a bigger hole for themselves as they seem to intend.

Mary Corduff.  
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