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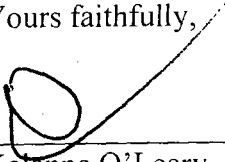
ATTN: Noleen Keavey

Re: Our Client : Liam & Evelyn Derham

Dear Madam,

With reference to the above matter on behalf of Liam Derham and Evelyn Derham we enclose herein Notice of Objection to Roadstone Ltd request for a licence in respect of the property as per the attached map.

Yours faithfully,


Kalanne O'Leary
O'Leary Arnold

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Concerns

Traffic:

There will be increased lorry traffic both in and out of the Quarry. We have concerns over the safety of the road (as a walking route to the town), about the overloading of said lorries and debris falling off and being left on the road. We are also concerned that "Hackers" (free-lance Lorry drivers) don't have a great reputation in these areas. Also, will there be a restriction on the number of entries to the site each day?

We have concerns about off-peak activity. Will lorries be accessing the site during off-peak-traffic times and unsociable hours?

Controls:

We are very concerned about the controls that will be put in place to monitor the content of the waste proposed to be dumped in the Quarry. What controls will be in place to ensure that only inert construction and demolition waste will be dumped and not other, possibly more harmful, waste products mixed in as well. Unlicensed and undesirable waste can easily be covered over with stone and gravel and the problem hidden for years, as has happened at other quarries through the country. Given that provision is to be made for the "separation of non-inert construction and demolition waste unintentionally imported to site" it is highly likely that such materials will make their way to the quarry. Once there it is quite possible that they could go undetected or unnoticed and dumped on-site.

Once the site becomes known as a dump, what's to stop people leaving rubbish at the gates out of hours, or trying to salvage scrap, etc...

Vermin:

We have concerns about the vermin that could be attracted to the area were it to become a dump - seagulls, rats, grey crows, etc... As is visible from the ploughing of fields, once ground is broken seagulls will flock to it in search of food. This would be a constant nuisance (not just seasonal).

Recycling:

We have concerns about the possibility of a future recycling plant being installed. We are worried about noise and dust levels, which we had prolonged legal proceedings about with Roadstone when the quarry was previously in operation. Mention is also made on the site notice to "recycling or reclamation of inorganic materials". The same concerns, re: dust, noise, etc., that we have about a recycling plant we also have about a separation facility.

Water Pollution:

We have concerns about what process will be used to keep water out of the quarry while it is proposed to be in-filled. Will the water be pumped into the stream which runs across the road from the quarry, within our curtilage? If so, will it be monitored for quality? The site notice mentions only "monitoring....for the duration of site restoration works", but not for all works on the site?

Duration:

No mention is made of how long it is envisaged that the landfill, should it go ahead, would be in operation for.

Property devaluation:

In light of the above concerns, we have serious concerns for the value of our property. To put it this way: If you had the choice of two similar houses, in the same local area, being offered at the same price, the only difference being that one of them has a land-fill beside it, which would you choose? Which would you say was worth paying more for?

Destruction of Natural Habitat

Peregrine Falcons nesting

Water amphibians

Grass + Vegetation

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How long for?

SITE NOTICE

APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A WASTE LICENCE

ROADSTONE LTD., Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24 has applied to the Environmental Protection Agency for a waste licence (Ref. W0272-01) in respect of a proposed inert waste recovery facility on its lands at Milverton, Skerries, Co. Dublin (National Grid Reference 3247E, 2592N). The waste licence application provides for

- (i) Use of approximately 1,900,000m³ of inert natural materials, principally soil, stones and/or broken rock to backfill a large existing void created by rock extraction;
- (ii) Separation of non-inert construction and demolition waste unintentionally imported to site and its removal off-site to authorised waste disposal or recovery facilities;
- (iii) Temporary stockpiling of topsoil and subsoil pending re-use in restoration of the site;
- (iv) Restoration of the backfilled void (including placement of cover soils and seeding) and return to use as agricultural grassland;
- (v) Environmental monitoring of noise, dust, surface water and groundwater for the duration of the site restoration works.

The principal activity is Class R5 of the Fourth Schedule of the Waste Management Acts 1996-2013 (recycling or reclamation of inorganic materials). Other activities include Class R3 of the Fourth Schedule (recycling or reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents) and Class R13 of the Fourth Schedule (storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12).

In accordance with Section 42(1)(b) of the Waste Management Acts 1996-2013, as amended by the EU(EIA) Regulations (S.I. No 505 of 2013), the Agency has requested that an amended Environmental Impact Statement be submitted to it in support of the Waste Licence Application.

A copy of the Waste Licence Application, the Environmental Impact Statement and further information relating to the Application that may be furnished to the Agency in the course of its consideration of the Application will, as soon as practicable after receipt by the Agency, be available for inspection or purchase at the headquarters of the Agency.

