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Subject Matter: Enva's licence review

Enva have consistently made my family's life a misery since we became residents at Rockview drive. To start with, we were unaware of where this odour was generating from. We called the emergency gas leak line (Bord Gais) as we thought there was a leak somewhere in the vicinity. The Bord Gais engineer then advised us about this company Enva, as he had several call outs in our locality. It is only from there that Enva became a frequent topic in our daily conversations. I cannot open a window on a nice day as the odour in our house transforms it from a family home to a petrol station forecourt. I cannot bring my daughter out to play on the green as it is such an unbearable attack on the senses, I also dread to think what the health implications are for my family and me by being out in this. This goes far beyond being a nuisance. A nuisance to me is a broken nail or a paper cut, what Enva are doing is more akin to losing a limb or being flayed i.e a life altering experience. This is not hyperbole on my behalf, this is my experience of having to put up with this company right beside us, and their consistent disregard to our health and our frustrating existence living in their shadow. Sore throats, leaking eyes, sinus trouble and headaches were a common experience while they were in full processing mode. In the space of time since we became so fervent in our complaints to the time of the court case, our lives have been very different. We can live a normal family life and not be constantly battered by Enva. I can now take my dog on a walk around Portlaoise and not have that lingering smell in my nose, not have that taste in my throat and I have had no sinus issues at all. My wife and I went through a period of time where sinus rinses were as common as eating our dinner. This cannot be just a coincidence. In an ideal world I would implore you to reject their licence application and close this facility down, but I am a realistic person, I am more than aware about the level of employment they provide, I am more than aware of the amount of government contracts they hold and most importantly of all I am more than aware of the level of revenue they generate. The only reason I am aware of this is due to the fact that my life has been disrupted by them so much and I made it my business to find out as much information as possible about them (Enva). If this facility was being environmentally compliant I would never have felt the need to go digging. All I want to do is live a normal life and enjoy my family in surroundings that are non-toxic. The people of Portlaoise deserve better from the EPA in how this company is regulated, so if this new million euro equipment is to be installed and resolves the issue I would expect far stricter monitoring procedures to be implemented and far greater sanctions to be imposed upon Enva if they breach their licence in future.