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Reg: WO294-01

Wicklow Co Council

Facility: Pretty Bush Waste Soils Recovery Facility

Location: Kilquade, townland of Priest Newtown Kilcoole, Co Wicklow.

Dear Mr Richards

I am writing to object to the granting of an EPA licence to Wicklow County Council on The Rocks Valley of the townland of Priest Newtown.

The Valley in question is an ice age glacial valley and is a green belt site of natural habitat for diverse range of wildlife. There are also streams which are in the valley that connect to the Murrough wetlands in Wicklow town which are a special area of conservation.

If Wicklow County council are permitted the licence for land fill and dump 250,000 tonnes of river bed material on this site, there is a possibility of condemnation to the streams and this will affect the Murrough. The valley has been untouched for hundreds of years and to come in and destroy a natural eco system, to dump unwanted soil, to then create a manmade eco park is just not logical. We would be looking at 10 to 20 years for the area to grow back to what its natural state would have been.

We as county councillors have just done our county development plan and on the 4th July we made The Rocks valley protected greenbelt and that no development could or would take place at this site. Wicklow County Council then submitted to you the EPA on the 26th August 2016 knowingly after the fact that this land could not be used for landfill. This decision taken by the county councillors as part of our CDP should be taken into serious consider when deciding about granting a licence for this site. I feel strongly that our decision as councillors should be upheld and any decision to grant a licence on this site would go against the wishes of the councillors, CDP and also the strong objection of the public.

Also note that back in 1999 Wicklow County Council applied for this site to be a landfill and was refused.

Other grounds for the licence not be granted are traffic congestion and noise to the neighbouring houses. The road could not with stand the amount of heavy vehicles which would be required to carry out this job. Also the yard that Wicklow county council are using does not have the required site lines.

Yours sincerely

CLlr Nicola Lawless