

Objection No. 1

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Objection: reference licence application PO811-02

To whom it concerns,

Dunbia have now have been served with a criminal conviction for non-disclosure of the major blood spill in breach of their licence.

We understand that Dunbia are about to be granted a further licence to operate a 24hour operation, 7 days per week, with a kill rate of 400 days. We recognise that Dunbia have already been operating at this capacity – obviously before they received the licence to do so. We find this totally unacceptable and object in the strongest possible way, for the following reasons

Firstly, they are known to be in breach of the law, and have ignored these regulations on more than one occasion. The blood spillage into the stream is not a once off incident. There have been numerous other spillages that have gone ignored. It is logical therefore to acknowledge that they are not to be trusted to comply with new conditions of a licence. Further, we have no assurances that their compliance or lack of it, will be monitored in any way to ensure the environment for the residents of the area, will be protected. How can the EPA extend this licence to a company that continues to break the law and will use any short cuts to save money at the expense of the environment and total disregard for the local community?

Secondly, this is a rural community, not an industrial estate. The type of licence they are applying for maybe acceptable and even reasonable in an industrial area which is away from small children and elderly people who walk the roads and use their area for recreational walking and cycling. The 24hr, 7 day week operation of such large scale traffic cannot reasonably be expected to operate without severe disintegration of the environment and harm to the residents who live here.

Currently the volume of traffic has increased enormously. The juggernaut trailer trucks pass our door 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Some of these trucks ignore normal safety procedures, going at excessive speeds on narrow rural roads. There are many other industrial sized trucks using these roads. On occasion, they cannot pass and have to drive up onto the soft ditches etc. Any local person wanting to walk, cycle or even driving out their own gate is frightened and feel like they are taking their life in their hands. This can occur on a Sunday morning or late into the night any night of the week. Walking has become impossible. On one occasion, we gestured to the driver to please slow down and he just made an insulting gesture and carried on. We feel it is only a matter of time before a tragedy happens. Who will be responsible for this? The EPA or Dunbia? We realise that the

EPA cannot monitor the speed or recklessness of drivers. However, we also realise that by granting a new licence the EPA must accept some responsibility for this as an environmental issue.

The amount of litter accumulating from this excessive traffic is becoming ridiculous. We have ourselves witnessed trucks heading into Dunbia throwing rubbish out the window of their cabs. We reported this to Dunbia and they cleaned up the road. However, it is impossible to keep contacting Dunbia and then waiting until someone does something about it. This is our environment which we are relying on the EPA to protect and the granting of an extended operating licence, to polluters who have already been convicted, does not protect it.

The level of noise pollution coming from the plant is constant, 24hrs a day, 7 days per week ALREADY. There is a tonal noise causing sleep deprivation to many. As you are aware, with tonal noise, not everyone hears it. We have recently engaged a noise engineer who has confirmed that the noise is most likely emanating from this plant. We await a final report.

Finally, the flood lights are on all night causing further pollution, disruption to people's quality of life adding to difficulties for people to sleep or rest. It is reasonable to assume that the wildlife of the area are similarly disrupted and damaged.

In conclusion, the operation of Dunbia in this neighbourhood is already causing danger to residents physically and mentally. There is environmental pollution, noise pollution and light pollution. This level of industry is not appropriate for a rural community and we are expecting that you, the EPA fulfil your obligation to protect the environment.

We demand that that Dunbia are seeking licences to expand their operation they cannot do so in this location and must move to safer, better equipped sites where their industry can operate with minimum impact on the environment and can be appropriately operated and properly monitored.

Sincerely,

Bob and Berny McMahon