



### Submission

Submitter:	Mr Sean O'Connor
Organisation Name:	Hydrocare Environmental Ltd
Submission Title:	Licence Application P1023-02
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### Application

Applicant:	Mr. Declan Connolly
Reg. No.:	P1023-02

See below for Submission details.

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Office of Licensing Climate and Resource Use,  
Environmental Protection Agency,  
P.O. Box 3000,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co. Wexford.

**Re: Licence Application P1023-02**

Applicant: Declan Connolly

Development Address: Dundrumman, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan.

Development: Chicken houses

To Whom it Concerns,

Our clients Mr Jerry & Mrs Mary Ann McCleneghan have approached us to assess and make recommendations on a perceived noise nuisance and air emissions issue at their dwelling house at Derryarrit, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan Eircode H18DK23. Our clients house is located approximately 750m from Mr Connolly's chicken houses – see pin drop on Google map attached.

Our clients purchased their site and built their house in 2004 and have constructed some stables for horses as this is Mary Ann's passion. Mary Ann has commented that when noise and pollution levels get particularly high that the horses show symptoms of stress and agitation.

Our clients are also concerned that during the "destocking stage" i.e. when all livestock are sold and removed, the air emissions are so pungent as to cause her family's eyes to "water" when they go outside their dwelling house and is a particular nuisance in good weather as it restricts the use of their garden, going for walks etc. Please note that the restricted use of the garden is also onerous on our clients 2 children. The children have sometimes queried the whining, high pitched noise disturbing their sleep at night time.

The air emissions are described as "sharp" and like "ammonia" or "bleach" and appear to be from the clean up /disinfection operations which sometimes carry on late into the night after the birds are removed.

The noise seems to emanate from feeding operations during the day, ventilation operations which occur day and night and delivery and transfer of feed from lorries to feed container "silos"

On behalf of our clients we are asking that you give serious consideration of their concerns in so far as any licensing conditions that will be imposed. We presume you can set daytime and night-time noise limits which will not discommode our clients enjoyment of living in this beautiful rural community. Similarly we presume you can insist on maximum protection of local air quality in relation to emissions from the chicken plant and that there is an obligation on Mr. Connolly to install the best available technology and operational methods.

From reading through the environmental and technical submissions one gains an impression that there will be no noise emissions or other public health "nuisance" issues – our clients beg to differ based on what they have experienced to date and are now earnestly requesting you to take on board their concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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