

Objection

Objector:	Ms Kym O'Reilly
Objector Address:	Daneshill, Old Galway Road, Athlone, Co. Roscommon.
Objection Title:	Objection #OS009950 - 3rd party objection for Reg No:[P0110-03]
Objection Reference No.:	OS009950
Objection Received:	07 April 2021
Objector Type:	3rd Party
Oral Hearing Requested?	No

Application

Applicant:	Arran Chemical Company Limited
Reg. No.:	P0110-03

See below for Objection details.

Attachments are displayed on the following page(s).

April 7th 2021

Re: Objection to the Renewal Licence of Arran Chemicals

To whom it may concern,

By way of this letter we hereby object to the renewal licence of Arran Chemicals. Our reasons are many and have been outlined to the EPA numerous times over recent years. To see a renewal licence was surprising given the numerous breaches that were found by your agency of their current licence.

The documentation associated with the renewal application is vast and somewhat scientific and specific. We are open to be corrected but I could not see any reference to;

- a) an actual date for the installation of the thermal oxidiser?
- b) the court case hearing and fines associated with breaches and non-compliances of Arran Chemicals to date?

What has been most disappointing is the lack of communication between agencies. I was shocked to read that John Hannily, HSE Health Officer was not made aware of our numerous complaints and concern for public health; *"local Environmental Health Service Office had not received any complaints regarding existing Arran Chemical operations"*.

His findings also stated; *"odour emissions have the potential to impact human health and cause nuisance"*.

We highlighted health concerns with your agency at our meeting with a local councillor over a year ago, no reassurances or offer of further investigation were offered. The EPA's mission statement as listed on your website reads; *"The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for protecting and improving the environment as a valuable asset for the people of Ireland. We are committed to protecting people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation and pollution"*.

We feel completely unprotected and let down by both the EPA and Arran Chemicals. For the safety of our family we object to the renewal licence of said company. Can it also be noted the objection fee of €126 is extortionate and it in itself acts as a deterrent to make an objection for many.

Kind Regards,

Kym O'Reilly & Bobby Hewitt