

Submission

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Application

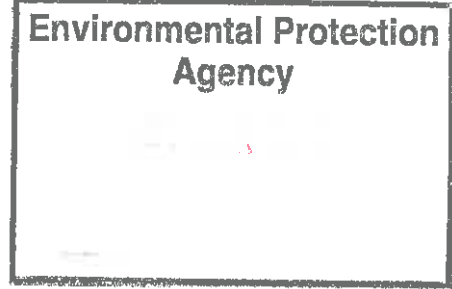
Applicant:	Arrow Group Limited
Reg. No.:	P0812-02

See below for Submission details.

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[REDACTED]
Co. Kildare.

20th March 2023.



To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission regarding Arrow Group. I am a resident of [REDACTED] and I wish to remain anonymous in this matter.

It is a frightening thing to complain regarding this facility as we understand it can affect the lives of workers with families, mortgages, and other commitments. But we too are families with the same commitments who suffer daily at the hands of Arrow Group.

Please find attached my submission regarding the renewal of the Arrow Group licence.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

SUBMISSION ARROW GROUP NAAS

As a review of the licence for Arrow Group is up for renewal, we feel it is imperative that the residents of the surrounding area to be considered before any decision is made.

For years now Arrow Group have been at the top of the NON-COMPLIANT LIST as they expanded their operation without any regard for the impact they caused to the community.

JAN APRIL AUGUST 2009

EPA INSPECTION FOUND 27 NON-COMPLIANCES

NOISE

ODOURS

EMISSIONS

BUNDS FOR LIGHT FUEL OIL TANK. (MEDIUM OIL TANK FAILED THE BUND INTEGRITY TEST)

MAY NOV 2010

13 NON-COMPLIANCES

MAY 2011

3 NON-COMPLIANCES, PLUS AGENCY INCLUDING ADDITIONAL 18 NON-COMPLIANCES OUTSIDE OF THEIR INSPECTION SCHEDULE

11 ODOURS

5 FOUL SEWER EXCEEDANCES

2 NOISE

SEP 2012

COURT APPEARANCE BEFORE JUDGE ZAIDAN FOR
ODOURS, (FAILING MEDIUM OIL BUND) (NOTE 2009)

MARCH 2013

JUDGE GIVES SENTENCE OF MAXIMUM FINE AND AGENCY COSTS

2017 INSPECTED 19 TIMES

SEP 2018

COURT APPEARANCE BEFORE JUDGE ZAIDAN. MAXIMUM FINE FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ODOUR REGULATIONS

EPA OFFICER STATED ON THE DAY "THE SYSTEM HAD NOT BEEN FIT FOR PURPOSE"

MAY 2021

COURT APPEARANCE BEFORE JUDGE ZAIDAN

MAXIMUM FINE FOR NON-COMPLIANCES FROM 2019 - NOISE AND ODOURS

JUDGE ZAIDAN HAS RECENTLY STATED HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE EPA HAVE NOT USED WHATEVER POWERS THEY HAVE TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO BOOK.
REPRESENTATIVE'S FOR ARROW GROUP CONTINUE TO SAY THEY ARE COMPLIANT WHEN THE FACTS ARE THERE TO BE SEEN.

WHY ARE THEY ALLOWED TO POLICE THEMSELVES WHEN THEY NEVER COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS. WILL THERE BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR RESIDENTS.

For years now our quality of life has been taken from us by an ever-expanding working plant metres from our homes. We are constantly subjected to noise that pounds down into our homes every night. This consists of PROCESSING, REFRIGERATION TRUCKS, SILOS, SHUTTERS, SCREECHING FANS, FLASHING LIGHTS and all that a plant of this magnitude has to offer.

In daytime we are subjected to a constant parade of HAULAGE TRUCKS REVERSING OR IDLING, BEEPING SHUNTER TRUCKS AND METAL ON METAL NOISE. ALARMS AND ANY OTHER GIVEN NOISE WHENEVER THEY HAVE A PROBLEM.

Then there are odours. We cannot open our windows because we can smell SEWERAGE, FISH, CHEMICAL OR SPICY ODOURS EVERY OTHER DAY OF THE WEEK. The stench can be all through the house on a hot summers day. Birthdays and social occasions can turn unpleasant. It is always embarrassing explaining to visitors why your home might smell so bad.

There are families in the surrounding estates. Children who don't understand why they are suddenly woken at night. Students who cannot study. Young people who have left home to live elsewhere because they couldn't work from home due to the ongoing noise issues, my own daughter included. And the elderly, who cannot sit in peace in their own home. These estates of ours were beautiful when we bought our homes. THEY HAVE TURNED A UTOPIA INTO A NIGHTMARE AND APPARENTLY YOU ARE OUR ONLY HOPE.