

Submission

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Sent: Friday 17 March 2023 00:27
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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident who lives in close proximity of the Arrow Group Facility in Naas, Co. Kildare. I have been resident here since 1995 and have witnessed at first hand how this facility has morphed into the huge collections of industrial premises it is today. This facility is top of your own Most Complained about Facilities in the country for the last number of years.

This facility has been in mild terms a hindrance to the residents who live close by for the past 20plus years due to the excessive noise and odours emitting from the plant. The running of this facility has shown total disregard to the residents over these years, from firstly denying any impropriety on its behalf to stating they are doing everything in their powers to fix the problems. They have shown disregard to both the residents, their health, well being and quality of life.

The EPA have eventually taken a few prosecutions against the Arrow Group on the back of the continuing complaints of the residents who have bravely chosen to stand up for themselves against the might of Big Company. The District Judge stated previously in one such prosecution that his hands were tied as he was limited to the amount he could fine the company, which is pittance to such a large company.

The Arrow Group basically had to be dragged kicking and screaming to improve the facility over the years and have always tried to play the part of the big spenders on such improvements, despite them being in receipt of Millions of Euro in European Funding.

It appears that the EPA, with the terms of the current licence, have been hamstrung in dealing with the numerous and continuous breaches of the licence issued to the Arrow Group.

I could list the huge number of no compliances and breaches by the Arrow Group but I am well aware that they are on file with your Office.

I truly believe that the current Licence needs to be overhauled and proper and corrective consequences applied to the new licence, that will bring the Arrow Group to bear for the breaches of the regulations attached to any such licence. There can be no longer any ambiguity or opinionated suggestions to the regulations and how they are applied. A new licence needs to have the power for postpone production at this facility when it finds such breaches similar to Closure Orders issued against Restaurants etc. and as such would have an immediate effect to the plant and focus the management to rectify the relevant issue.

The Arrow Group, its Management and the Directors of the Group need to be held accountable for the improper running of the facility, with any further prosecutions should be correctly brought before the Circuit Court.

I believe that failure to issue a licence that can/will be revoked/suspended will be to the detriment of the residents and the EPA alike.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Feighery



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