

Extract from the 454th Licensing Meeting of the Agency, held 12 July 2005, in Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford

3. **Recommended Decision on an Application for a Waste Licence**

Licensee: **Roadstone Dublin Ltd
Dillonstown, Deerpark, Newpaddocks and Santryhill Townlands
Blessington
Co Wicklow**

Register of Licence No: **213-1**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Licensing and Guidance that the Agency approve the recommended decision. The following documentation was submitted: recommended decision; 22 submissions, including an additional submission received from Dublin City Council; summary report of the Inspector. A copy of the licence application was tabled.

The Directors noted that the Inspector dealing with the application had considered the points raised in the additional submission received from Dublin City Council and that the concerns raised were similar to those already raised in other submissions which had been dealt with in the Inspector's Report

P Larkin gave a presentation.

Inspector's Report

The Directors noted the Inspector's Report. In the Report, the Inspector dealing with the application recommended that the Agency refuse to grant a waste licence for the reasons as set out in the Recommended Decision.

Recommended Decision

The Directors considered the reasons for the Recommended Decision in detail and, following discussion, they approved the recommendation to refuse to grant a licence for the following reasons:

1. The siting of the proposed landfill facility on the locally important unconfined aquifer in proximity to the Wicklow County Council Blessington wellfield would constitute an unacceptable risk of environmental pollution. The zone of contribution of the Blessington wellfield lies directly in the path of and down/cross gradient of the proposed landfill cells.
2. The applicant has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Agency the requirement to dispose of all of the quantity of waste as proposed in the licence application.
3. The applicant has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Agency that it is not practicable to identify or establish a landfill disposal site in a lower risk area, and particularly at a suitably licensed facility elsewhere.

4. The measures proposed for excavation of waste at Area 6 are not sufficient to adequately ensure that odour nuisance and groundwater contamination will not arise thus causing environmental pollution.

The Directors noted the concerns raised in the Inspector's Report regarding the risk of pollution from this site and decided that the OEE would evaluate what enforcement action could be taken in the short term.