

Objection 2

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Re: Objection to granting of Waste Licence 53-3 to Greenstar, Fassaroe, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Together with our neighbours Gerard Lardner and Philip Lardner of The Ochra, Thornhill Road, we wish to object to the granting of this licence on two main grounds.

First:-

We note that in Condition 8.1 the EPA state that all construction and demolition (C&D) waste processing must be carried out inside the waste transfer building from the date of grant of the licence. We see no logic nor justice in this timing.

The requested increase in overall waste acceptance and operational hours has not been granted (Cond. 1.6.1 and 1.6.2), but the volume acceptance of C&D waste has been increased by 50% as sought (Schedule A- Table A1)

As there is presently no building in which C&D waste can be processed (unless the building currently utilised for sorting paper & plastics is utilised)- we foresee yet another stalling period by Greenstar. It is an astonishing fact that the EPA has granted this new Licence 53-3 , when for the entire duration of Licence 53-2 Greenstar never complied with Condition 5.1.1 of that licence to house their processing of C&D waste. What is to stop this happening again and again? It is only right and logical that this new licence in its entirety is not granted until the C&D waste with its 50% increased volume is **SEEN** to be processed indoors. Exactly the same logic applies to the housing of the wood shredder which continues to cause appalling dust problems for our neighbours at The Ochra.

Second:-

We object to the fact that according to Condition 3.13 the biowaste composting facility will not have its in-vessel composting units accessed directly from within the tipping building. This will inevitably lead to more external noise production from trucks, reversing beepers etc . There will also be an increased risk of odours from the pre-composted waste even if it is transferred to the external in-vessel composting units within 24 hrs of arrival.(Cond 6.2.2).

The external accessing of the composting units will inevitably require continuous road surface cleaning to avoid odours. Already we have made several complaints to Greenstar over the past year re the continuous high-tone operational noise from their mechanical sweepers.

It is far more logical, as we have previously stated in our original objection, that from the very start, the well recognised system of accessing the composting tunnels directly from inside the tipping building be utilised. Whilst we recognise that processing 10,000 tons of biowaste per year is not a huge volume, this will inevitably increase and at that stage major problems of noise and odours will ensue.

We hope that serious consideration will be given by the Environmental Protection Agency to our grounds for appealing this licence.

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Prof. Frank Keane

Eve O'Sullivan

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From: frank keane [mailto:keanes@eircom.net]
Sent: 06 March 2006 12:57
To: Noeleen Keavey
Subject: Fw: Objection to waste Licence 53-3

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From: frank keane
To: Info@epa.ie
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 12:54 PM
Subject: Objection to waste Licence 53-3

Please find attached joint objection to the above Licence 53-3 on behalf of Frank Keane, Noreen Keane, Gerard Lardner and Philip Lardner. I will phone with credit card details re payment of E200.00 fee. Many thanks, Noreen Keane

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