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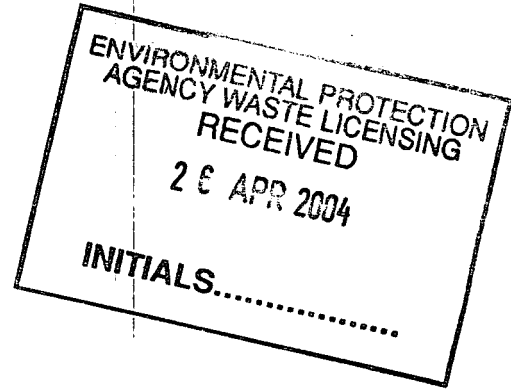


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Administration
Office of Licensing & Guidance
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RE: Whitestown Illegal Dump – Brownfield Restoration (Ireland) Ltd.

Dear Sir

Brownfield Restoration (Ireland) Ltd recently applied to the EPA for a licence to begin 10 years of waste treatment and landfill activity at the Whitestown illegal dump on the N81 near Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow.

I wish to object to this application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed activities contravene the County Development Plan and the Waste Management Plan. There were no proposals to locate such a facility at this site when the Waste Management Plan was up for discussion.
2. Wicklow County Council's investigations into the illegal dumping activities on this site are ongoing and it is prosecuting all those responsible for placing waste on this illegal site. This included waste companies and the landowner. The new landowners have also been included in these prosecutions.
3. Wicklow County Council has also made a formal complaint to the Gardai regarding criminal aspects of the activity on this site and the National Bureau of Criminal Investigation (N.B.C.I.) has carried out an investigation. I understand that the Director of Public Prosecution has initiated prosecutions in this matter. **Criminal activity should not decide the location of a landfill at an unsuitable site and people who break the law should not be rewarded for such behaviour.**
4. This site is situated on a highly permeable sand and gravel deposit which is totally unsuitable for a landfill. It is in one of the most high risk and environmentally damaging settings possible.

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5. The Carrigower river passes through the quarry and forms part of the Slaney head waters. Seepage into the watertable could have serious consequences for all those in and around the area and also for the farming community.
Whitestown would never have been considered or selected as a potential site for a landfill as the risks and dangers to the groundwater and sensitive Slaney salmon spawning grounds are too great.
6. This site is situated just down to the road from a primary school.
7. This is a high amenity and scenic area close to the Glen of Imaal, people come from all over the world to walk in the area.
8. The site is situated on a totally unsuitable part of the N81, this is a very dangerous and busy road with a constant stream of traffic commuting on a daily basis.

In view of the seriousness of the above I am appealing to you not to grant a licence for the Whitestown Illegal Dump.

Yours sincerely


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