



# CHRYSALIS HOLISTIC CENTRE

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The Licensing Unit  
EPA Headquarters  
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Re: Licence Application 204-1 (Brownfield Restoration Ltd)

As the Founder-Director of the Chrysalis Retreat Centre Ltd I wish to highlight the concerns of all the Directors and the staff of the Centre in relation to the above application. Chrysalis is located less than 500m from the boundary of the proposed waste management facility. The Centre is surrounded by three acres of landscaped gardens and is home to myself and three members of staff.

The Chrysalis Retreat Centre was established 16 years ago, and has built up a reputation as the leading Holistic Retreat Centre in Ireland. A key element to our continued success is our tranquil rural location, which provides a quiet, peaceful and healthy environment for more than 2000 course participants each year. As a registered Educational Charity an important aspect of our work is to give our guests a first-hand experience of healthy living in a harmonious setting. This in turn raises people's consciousness and enables them to make changes towards a healthier lifestyle.

If the proposed development proceeds it will seriously jeopardise the work of the Chrysalis Centre. Our particular concerns are as follows:

- a) the unsightliness of a major industrial unit in this scenic area
- b) noise from the excavators, waste compactors, site personnel vehicles, tonal reversing warning indicators from dumper trucks, screening plant, crusher, bulldozers, tractors, engine revving, airbrakes and bird scarers which will be heard at Chrysalis from across the valley

Founded in 1989, the Chrysalis Holistic Centre is a registered charity (CHY11665), dedicated to holistic health and education, personal growth and spiritual development.

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- c) pollution caused by the increase in HGV traffic (estimated one truck every six minutes)
- d) increased dust levels in the atmosphere as a result of the proposed composting unit
- e) toxic spores and gases in the environment which will spread across the valley to Chrysalis
- f) toxic residue from gas flare for approx. four decades after discontinuation of activities and continuing emissions of gases which resulting in long-term health risks such as increased birth defects and cancer
- g) water contamination risk to our well from leachate
- h) increased carrion, rodent and bluebottle population, all detrimental to our health and environment
- i) prevailing south westerly winds carrying odours from the proposed facility

We are further concerned about the fact that, unknown to local residents, the SAC boundary was changed to facilitate the proposed development. And we are of the opinion that the alterations sought by Brownfield Restoration Ltd in their licence application will not render the site suitable for a waste management facility. Damage to the sensitive environment at Whitestown would be inevitable should the proposed development proceed.

We sincerely urge the EPA to take our concerns into consideration when deciding on the above application.

Yours sincerely



ANN MARIA DUNNE, Director



Enclosure:

Current Chrysalis Programme

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Waste Licence Application re: Brownfield Restoration Ireland Ltd at Whitestown Lower, County Wicklow.

Dear Ms Dunne

I am to refer to your letter of 08/06/2005, received on 28/06/2005, in relation to an application for a waste licence reference number 204-1, by Brownfield Restoration Ireland Ltd, in respect of a facility at Brownfield Restoration Ireland Ltd, Whitestown Lower, Co Wicklow.

I am to advise that your letter will be treated as a submission and will be taken into account when determining the application, in accordance with the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2003, and Article 15 of the relevant Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations, which provides as follows:

Extract from the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations

Submissions to the Agency regarding applications.

15. For the purpose of section 40(2)(b) of the Act, a person may make a written submission to the Agency in relation to -
- (i) an application, and
  - (ii) such plans, documents and other information and particulars, including an environmental impact statement, as are submitted by the applicant in accordance with articles 12, 13, 14 and 16, and the Agency shall not give notice of a proposed decision under section 42(2) of the Act before the expiry of a period of one month following the date of a relevant -
    - (a) acknowledgement in accordance with article 14(2)(a), or
    - (b) notice in accordance with article 16(2)(a), or
    - (c) acknowledgement in accordance with article 16(4), whichever such date is the later.

The application and associated correspondence, including the acknowledgements and notifications referred to in Article 15 above, are available on the public file relating to the application as they arise and that file may be inspected by any person during office hours at the Agency's headquarters. A copy of the file is also available for inspection at the offices of Wicklow County Council.



Copy extracts from the file will be supplied by the Agency to any person, on request, subject to payment of the reasonable cost of making the copy.

You are advised to refer to the public file for information on the progress of the application. The Agency will write to you to inform you of its proposed decision on the application in due course.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Office of Licensing & Guidance, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely,

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