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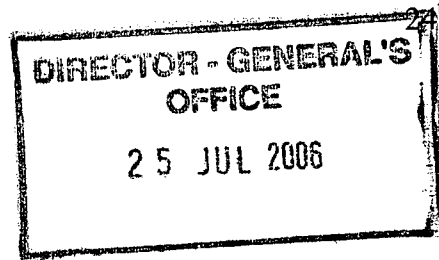
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Ms Mary Kelly
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Dear Ms Kelly

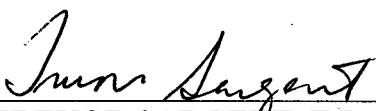
I write as local T.D. for Dublin North and Leader of the Green Party to indicate my strong objection to the landfill proposal by Fingal County Council for the following reasons –

1. The Nevitt/Tooman area is valuable archeologically and agriculturally as well as being the home of a vibrant and long standing community whose houses have been earmarked for demolition as a result of this proposal;
2. The aquifer which serves the town of Balbriggan from the Bog of the Ring is partially under the proposed landfill area and, given the fallibility of landfill lining material, it is likely that contamination of drinking water will result if the proposed landfill is to proceed;
3. Large landfills, such as the one proposed, are not contributing to the need for waste reduction as they are seen by the majority of the population as out of sight and out of mind.

I am therefore proposing that the EPA take on board the principal of a Zero Waste Strategy and require that local authorities, as well as national government, ensure that producer responsibility for waste is prioritised and every way possible is availed of to reduce waste arising in a targeted way which reduces the overall waste crisis and focuses on zero waste as an acceptable level of waste creation.

Having visited Canada to observe how such a system can work I urge the Environmental Protection Agency to consult more widely and advise government accordingly that a Zero Waste Strategy is the logical route to take rather than large landfills, such as the one proposed.

Le gach dea-ghuí


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