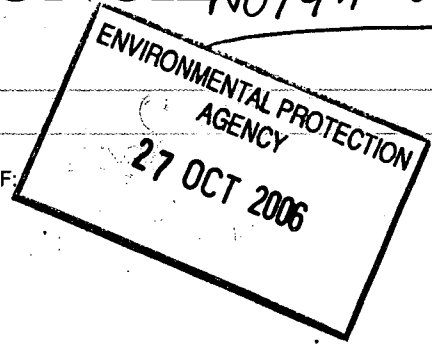




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Comhairle Chontae 21-10-06
Laoise Environmental Protection Agency
Áras an Chontae Waste Licence Section
Portlaoise Johnstown Castle
Contae Laoise County Wexford.

Tel: (0502) 64000

Re: Application for a waste licence by A E S at Kyletalesha Portlaoise.

Fax: (0502) 22313

email:
corpaffairs@laoiscoco.ie

Dear Sir/Madam,

website:
www.laois.ie

I write regarding the proposed application by Advanced Environmental Solutions (A E S) for a waste licence to process 59,000 tons of biodegradable waste per annum at Kyletalesha Portlaoise.

I am opposed to this application being granted on the following grounds:

- The scale of the proposed operation which is situated close to a number of houses. County Laois produces approximately 40,000 tons of waste per annum, if this facility is given permission there will be 146,000 tons entering this location and this excludes Laois County Council's own recycling facility.
- This location already has a major landfill which is taking in 47,000 tons per annum and a recycling facility (both owned by Laois County Council), two Knackeries and an A E S waste collection facility which caters 40,000 tons of waste per annum.
- There are substantial problems already in this area with foul odours from the existing facilities, with residents being unable to open windows, especially in summer time. Any new facility catering for biodegradable waste on such a large scale will exacerbate the problem.
- The nearby river Triogue which is fed by water courses from this locality is already one of the most polluted rivers in Ireland.

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○ The road infrastructure at Derryguile and Kyletalesha is not suitable for increased heavy traffic; in fact the existing level of traffic is causing serious damage to local roads which need to be regularly repaired.

- The N 80 junction at Kyletalesha is extremely dangerous and there have been a number of accidents involving vehicles turning right to the existing waste facilities. Extra heavy goods vehicles turning at this junction will significantly increase the risk of accidents. Portlaoise councillors have raised concerns about this on a number of occasions.

I am requesting that the above issues are given careful consideration by the Environmental Protection Agency during the processing of this application.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Brian Stanley.

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