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please find enclosed representation on proposed licence for landfill at nevitt lusk.

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Re Proposed Landfill at Nevitt Lusk

Dear sir.

I write to you as a concerned resident ,and a local GP in Lusk Co. Dublin to raise my concerns about the proposed landfill at the Nevitt in Lusk.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a very large Aquifer under the area proposed for this landfill.

I am concerned that this strategic and badly needed source of water has not been surveyed and assessed in a serious or proper manner.

I note that 16 locations out of 76 called to by the council were "no answer left a card".

Surely this is not a serious assessment of water resources in the area. Were the residents concerned written to afterwards to confirm whether or not a well was in situ on the locations called to?

Apparently a private drilling company has drilled 106 wells in the area which are producing large quantities of clean, nitrate free water mainly used in the local Horticultural and Farming Industry which I am informed is worth of the order of €600 million per annum.

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I am concerned that this large strategic water resource which is used in food production may be put at risk of contamination from the proposed landfill.

There are claims that there are up to 300 wells in the area and output figures are available on 106 of them from the private company that drilled the wells.

I wish to repeat my concern that this water resource may have not been properly assessed and I wonder if Fingal county council in their eagerness to solve a waste management problem are putting at risk a water resource which could serve Fingal county and others in the future.

I would ask the EPA to insist on a proper assessment of the water resources in the area so that they can make an informed decision on whether or not it is safe and wise to locate a major landfill in the area.

There are currently water supply interruptions in the fingal area and concerns for supply keeping up with the ever increasing demand in the fastest growing area in Ireland where the population grew by 21% from 2002 to 2006. The council are talking of taking supply from the Shannon, when there appears possibly to be a large clean supply in the Nevitt area.

It would be a tragedy if this water source was found to be strategically significant for Fingal and the greater Dublin area and that it was not assessed and possibly put at risk of contamination at some time in the future.

Finally a landfill can be relocated but a major water resource in an aquifer cannot be moved and any potential risk to the water should be assessed with great care.

Yours sincerely,

Dr James Reilly

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