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Sent: 03 September 2007 12:02
To: Ian Marnane
Subject: Re: WO 231-01 proposed landfill @ Nevitt / Submission no. (105) replacement.

Dear Ian,

Enclosed please find an ammended version of my previous submission (ref 105) which was removed from the EPA website due to paragraph no. 9.

This paragraph has noe been appropriately altered so i would be obliged if you would attach it to the website as a submission together with the "RTE Ear to the Ground" video tape sent to you on 22/08/07, Thank you.

Regards,

Shay
Nevitt / Lusk Action Group

p.s. also could you please indicate if there is a closing date decided for submissions for this proposal.

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File Ref: W0231-01 Proposed Landfill at Nevitt (FCC)

Dear Dr. Marnane,

The Nevitt Lusk Action Group would be obliged if you would accept the enclosed information as a submission opposing the above.

- 1- Video recording of a documentary made by RTE in late 2006 regarding the above by the "Ear to the Ground Team".
- 2- CD made by LFM Radio of an interview with Mr. Gilbert Power, Director of Services FCC 2006.
- 3- Department of Environment circular letter Ref: WSP5/07 regarding changes to the drinking water regulations.
- 4- Fact sheet from Deaghan De Faoite (BSc Hons)
- 5- Fact sheet from Nevitt Lusk Action Group.
- 6- Poisonous ragwort weed, a recent disclosure in the media that this weed is now out of control and a new campaign is now underway to control the spread of this dangerous weed. It has been noted by this group that the disturbance of clay encourages the spread of this poisonous weed and as you are aware it is the intention of Fingal County Council to disturb more than 650 acres of clay during the construction, development, operation and aftercare of this landfill. This is simply another example of a potential risk to animals, which was not considered in the elaborate EIS.
- 7- This group has been made aware that the environmental health officer from the HSE for North Dublin, and the current Minister for the environment, both have powers to intervene in the pollution of drinking water or the possible future pollution of drinking water in conjunction with the new drinking water regulations and the environmental liability directive. They are also attempting to have foresight for the future to prevent any potential damage to, or pollution of our drinking water.
- 8- Knocksedan water supply contaminated.
This group believes that it is only a matter of time before the extensive and sensitive aquifer below the Nevitt/Fingal area is contaminated if permission and licence are granted for this proposal.

On the enclosed videotape Mr. Eamon Walsh a senior engineer, still believes that it is safe to construct this landfill in the centre of this aquifer. Whilst this person has since left FCC, he also continues to believe that FCC were aware of the extensive agriculture industry in Fingal, notwithstanding that it hardly got a mention in the EIS. He also maintained that the GSI's position has not changed even when it was brought to his attention that the GSI had written to the EPA expressing concerns about the location of the so called water divide.

- 9- Mr. Walsh clearly states on camera that they believe there would be no significant risk to the water (i.e. he accepts there is a risk to the ground water) and that the landfill is to be located in the area of lowest possible risk. (i.e. he accepts there is a risk to the environment and more specifically to ground water.) This group considers these statements from this public servant to be plausible.
- When questioned by Mr. Mc Cullagh on camera, that it seems illogical to construct a landfill in the heart of an agricultural region sitting on top of an aquifer. He simply refused to address the question and refers back to GSI/Nevitt Lusk Action Group information relevant at the time but which has now since changed (GSI).
- Mr. Walsh also states that new modern engineered landfills offer protection to all emissions that are possible from this landfill, this group also believe this to be a plausible statement.
- 10- On the enclosed CD, LMFM's interview with Mr. Gilbert Power, Mr. Power also makes several plausible statements.
- (1) He asks what are the alternatives?
This clearly indicates that Mr. Power has not yet considered the alternatives.
- (2) He says he is satisfied that there isn't any detrimental impact or threat to the bog of the ring. This group have categorically proved otherwise.
- 11- When asked about the commitment given to the community of Lusk, Mr. Power refers to an agreed signed document.
This is not the case as there was no agreed boundary and it was not signed to that effect, and in our opinion this is reflected in the tone of Mr. Powers voice in the interview.
- 12- Mr. Power states that there is no risk to the Bog of the Ring water supply but also says you can never give a guarantee, yet claims the liners used are 100% safe. He goes on to say that a good degree of protection is achieved. This group are not unique in believing that a good degree of protection is not sufficient. When the landfill is sitting on top of an aquifer.
- 13- During the interview you will hear Mr. Power refer to the site as Tooman Nevitt however, during the public consultation period they refused to accept that this landfill was in Nevitt (but rather Tooman). It is now abundantly clear that all the investigations and calculations were conducted in relation to Tooman when the landfill was always intended to be located in the Nevitt.
- Knocksedan water contamination is a perfect example of how volatile the potential for groundwater contamination can be, and this is nowhere near a landfill.
- The Bog of the Ring and Nevitt Wells region is a vast area by comparison to Knocksedan, providing water to over 23,000 people and the entire agriculture industry in fingal.

The Nevitt Lusk action group respectfully request the EPA to have regard to its own Regulations together with the current national and Eu legislation and the proposed New groundwater directive currently being discussed at European level at present.

The Dublin chairperson of the IFA Mr David Rogers speaks on the enclosed video Tape and we feel he sums it up very clearly when he states that there will be no Comeback for the industry if this landfill were to be granted a licence.

Yours sincerely,

Shay Lunney.
On behalf of the Nevitt / Lusk Action Group.

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