

OH Doc No: 33

Rec'd From: Margaret
Clarke.

Date Rec'd: 10/3/08.
15.41 p.m.

Evidence to EPA Oral Hearing

For

Fingal Landfill Facility at Nevitt, Lusk,

Waste License Proposed Decision

Registration No. WO231-01

Balbriggan, March 2008

Statement of Evidence by Margaret Clarke

Resident of the Area

In 2004, my husband was diagnosed with cancer and aneurysm of the aorta. Having come through chemo therapy and major surgery and with our family reared, we decided to sell our house and purchase a smaller one to enjoy whatever time left to us in reasonable health.

Our house was put up for sale, a buyer was found and a few weeks later the dump site was announced, whereupon, the buyers pulled out of the sale citing the proximity of the landfill as their reason for withdrawal.

Every subsequent potential buyer stated the same reason for not proceeding with the purchase of our house.

The stress related to all of this has been tremendous to both of us.

Not alone are we living with the knowledge that our property is now only with half its proper value, we have the constant worry about our health from the very real and dangerous emissions that a landfill will bring.

We are faceless people as far as Fingal County Council is concerned.

Their only interest is in the multi-billion euro profit that this land fill will make.

They have no regard to the human misery this has brought to families here. They seem to be a law unto themselves when it comes to getting what they want. They can come in and buy peoples homes whether the families want to go or not.

The families have no choice.

The Irish Constitution guarantees civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness of the nation's citizens equally.

Our rights are not being protected here. I call on the Government to look into what is going on out here in North County Dublin and not allow a Dictatorship, i.e., Fingal County Council, to create a national disaster that will ruin people's homes and family life with such total disregard for same.

ENDS

For Inspector purposes only:
Consent of copyright owner required for any other use.