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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Re: W0140-03

Dear Mr. O'Reilly,

We wish to respond to the objections received by the Agency in relation to the Proposed Decision (PD). We note that the objections are made by private individuals and not on behalf of either local residents associations, or other groups in the Rathdrinagh area.

Both objectors claim that current operations are a cause of environmental nuisance associated with noise, odours and dusts. One objector also raises concerns about the risk to groundwater and surface water quality. We do not accept that either current operations, or the future activities authorised under the Licence, are or will be a cause of significant nuisance or environmental pollution.

The Agency, when processing the Licence Review Application, completed a comprehensive assessment of the environmental impacts associated with the proposed changes to facility operations. This assessment would have addressed all of the concerns raised by the objectors and have formed the basis for the conditions set in the PD.

We respect the right of individuals to object to the PD and to have those objections considered by the Agency. However, given the number of objectors and the nature of their objections, we consider that an oral hearing is not required to allow the Agency to fairly adjudicate on the objections. The only benefit of an oral hearing would be to significantly delay the grant of the Licence, thereby disrupting our waste recovery and recycling activities.

Yours Sincerely

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