GREEN LAWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Chairperson, Beth Frost 35 Green Lawn, Kinsale Road, Cork.

Environmental Protection Agency Vohnstown Castle Estate Wexford Environmental Protection Agency 2 0 MAR 2009

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the above named group to object to the licence sought by Cork City Council to erect a Waste Transfer Station on the Kinsale Road Landfill Site.

At a Cork City Council meeting some years ago, our elected Councillors voted overwhelmingly to close the Dump when land filling was completed. The whole site was designated for a Family Friendly Recreational Park for the people of Cork to enjoy. We were promised water ponds, beautiful walks, picnic areas, an outdoor events area, as acknowledgement for the forty years the residents have put up for the dump.

Our Objections are as follows:

Heavily Populated Area: We have put up with the dump for the last forty years and the Kinsale Road area is now very heavily populated with housing and schools surrounding the site on all sides.

Not compatible: Rubbish of any kind on the site would not be compatible with a Recreational Park where parents and children are expected to enjoy a nice quiet walk, picnic, or outdoor event.

The longsuffering Residents: all rubbish smells, and flies and vermin follow rubbish. The residents have been inconvenienced with these problems since the Dump opened in the sixties. The Landfill will close in July 2009, but if the Transfer Station goes ahead we will never see an end to the above-mentioned problems.

The sheer volume of traffic and noise in the park: A large amount of trucks from around the city bringing rubbish through recreational park to be compacted onto larger trucks transported out through the park and city again? Surely a ludicrous idea!

A wasted opportunity: An opportunity for Cork to have a park similar to Phoenix Park in Dublin where visitors to the city and the people of Cork could enjoy outdoor concerts and lovely walks. Nobody in their right mind would bring their family to a recreational park with rubbish so near.

The Promise: The Councillors voted to close the Kinsale Road site when land filling was completed in July 2009. The whole area would be turned into a Recreational Park for the people of the city to enjoy. We want Cork City Council to keep its promise with no conditions attached.

We hope that common sense will prevail and you will accept that the Transfer Station proposed by Cork City Council for the Kinsale Road Landfill is not compatible with the Recreational Park that is also planned for the same site.

Yours faithfully,

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Beth Frost Chairperson, Green Lawn Residents Association

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