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Re: SUBMISSION ON APPLICATION BY OXIGEN ENVIRONMENTAL LTD.
FOR A LICENCE TO EXTEND THE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT
FACILITY AT LISMAGRATTY & CORRANURE, CAVAN.

To Whom it may concern

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I wish to object to the granting of the above as over the years I have had to tolerate the terrible odour which has been increasing in recent times as can be evidenced from the enclosed copy of the Anglo Celt following the stench from the landfill last weekend which was quite intolerable. This is an on-going problem and seems to be without resolution. I have also had a dreadful problem with litter - again no resolution.

The traffic problem speaks for itself - an endless stream of trucks on a part of the road which is quite inadequate for such a volume of heavy traffic. The birds attracted by the landfill have done an endless amount of damage to property.

Recently, the raising of the level of the landfill over my holding, blocking the drain due to the subsidence with the weight of product, creating a pump on my lands which frequently fills with leachate poisonous to animals on my farm & has turned a portion of my property into a wasteland. Leachate is still creating a problem - again unresolved.

The management of the facility has to be called into question as the problems occurring when Cavan County Council were operating & prosecuted

for some have still not been resolved and indeed have magnified.

The fact that none of the problems with the landfill have been resolved and in fact have worsened to an intolerable degree the extension should in no way be granted.

I am enclosing as previously stated a copy of the Anglo Cell referring to the landfill plus a map of my property which will be adversely affected by any such extension

Signed Edmund M. McCabe
EDMUND M. CABBÉ

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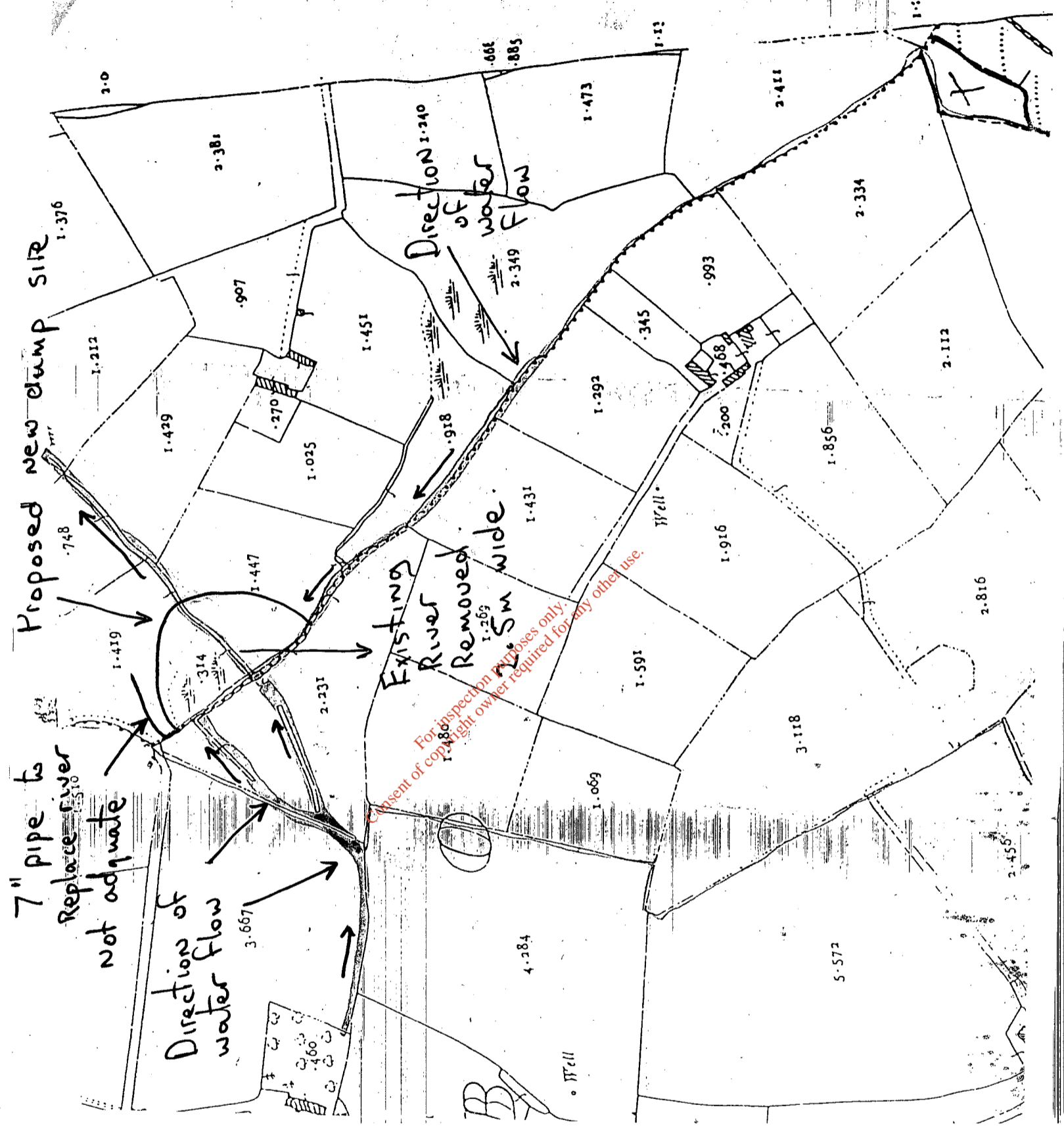
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Proposed new dump site

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'Worst weekend ever' with smell from Corranure

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A CAVAN lobby group has welcomed a move by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a review of the licence granted to Oxigen reducing the amount of biodegradable waste that it can accept at the Corranure landfill on the outskirts of Cavan town.

Cian Murtagh, the chairman of the Cavan Better Waste Management group told The Anglo-Celt that residents in the vicinity of Corranure had endured "the worst weekend ever" last weekend with the stench from the landfill.

He said that both he and members of the committee took countless calls over the weekend and on Monday from "very angry people" living all around the landfill in Drumalee and Ballyhaise. "They were complaining of waking up in the night, children being sick and terrible headaches. It was the worst weekend ever," said Mr Murtagh.

In a statement, the EPA said that Corranure was one of a number of landfills being reviewed by the EPA. As part of the review process, objections can be made to the EPA to arrive no later than November 16.

As part of that review the EPA has issued a draft revised landfill licence for Corranure and imposed a number of stringent new conditions to minimise odour from the facility.

The proposed change to the landfill licence was instigated by the EPA to reduce the amount



Cian Murtagh outlines the committee view point at a previous Cavan Better Waste Management meeting.

Photo: Adrian Donohoe

of biodegradable waste going to this landfill and to impose stringent new conditions to minimise odour at the landfill," said an EPA release.

While welcoming the EPA's decision to restrict further the amount of biodegradable waste (which causes the smell) coming into the landfill, Mr Murtagh is insisting that the EPA enforce the new terms strictly.

"To date, Oxigen has shown complete disregard for direct instructions from the EPA. We feel they won't listen and they won't heed the more stringent conditions," he said.

"When you read reports every two months going back two years and the first line reads 'the level of non-compliance at this facility is causing great concern to the EPA, it doesn't give you much confidence,'" added Mr Murtagh.

He further called on the EPA to close Corranure to landfill as it did last Christmas until

the odour is rectified and force Oxigen to pay a full-time EPA official based at the landfill.

That said, Mr Murtagh agreed that if Oxigen abide by the new licence terms, it would have an "immediate effect" on the odour at the landfill.

It's expected, following the latest direction from the EPA that Oxigen will now accelerate its plans to develop a biological treatment facility adjacent to the Corranure Civic Amenity Centre, which would deal specifically with biodegradable waste.

Oxigen has applied to the EPA for a licence to process up to 200,000 tonnes of waste annually in the new recycling, park and biological treatment facility and An Bord Pleanála is expected to adjudicate on plans for the new 6,000sq.m. plant.

Oxigen has said that the addition of a biological treatment facility to its operations will divert 95% of organic waste from landfill, which is responsible for

producing the offensively smelling methane gas.

However, Cian Murtagh has said that Cavan Better Waste Management is still opposing the plans for the MBT plant, largely on the basis of Oxigen's track record at Corranure and the fact that people don't have faith in them to run the facility properly.

He noted that Cavan County Council officials and councillors travelled with Oxigen recently to see a fully functioning MBT plant in Germany but Mr Murtagh said that members of Cavan Better Waste Management declined to go on the trip.

"They went to see an excellent facility in Germany run by an excellent company with a proven track record. They're not comparable. They're missing the point," remarked Mr Murtagh.

However, County manager Jack Keyes is on the record as saying that Cavan intends to be one of the first counties in the country to move towards the type of biological treatment technology that is commonplace in Europe and which the council sees as key to diverting waste from landfill.

Despite this, the Cavan Better Waste Management group believes it has a "fighting chance" of achieving its original goal of getting the Corranure landfill closed when its licence expires. Capacity at the landfill is expected to run out some time in 2012.

At the time of going to print, no reply had been received from Oxigen in relation to the latest developments.



The Department of Agriculture, Cavan celebrated 20 years in Cavan this weekend. Members gathered to remember deceased staff of the Department with Minister Brennan. For full story, see page 2.

Home helpers welcome rather than leave

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HOME help hours have been cut back with the result that some are putting in extra time unpaid, out of a personal sense of duty, members of Cavan County Council have claimed. A call for the HSE to stop changing home helps for elderly people at short notice, made by Cllr John O'Hare at Monday's meeting of the council, sparked the outcry about home help cutbacks.

"There seems to be a widespread practice throughout the country of home helps being changed at short notice," according to Cllr O'Hare, who said "numerous representations" had been made to him about such cases. He called for a letter to be written to Minister

for Health Mary Harney and Professor Brendan Drumm, chief executive of the HSE, to stop the practice which he said was "very upsetting" for old and vulnerable people after building up a relationship with their home help.

Other councillors, however, joined in voicing concern about home help services being cut back, with some saying they know of cases where home helps work extra time voluntarily because of their own commitment to the service user.

"There have been major cutbacks," said Cllr Pauline McCauley for Sinn Féin. "Some people get as little as 15 minutes a day. What good is that to anyone?" she asked, pointing out that if these quarter-hours are added together, it leaves the service user without any

visit another day. Planning is that to do more voluntary that's what they want, I don't mention."

"Other council's do not have evidence of Cllr Maura M... said she knew a MS who gets 45m of help for washing clothes and two this could be a Cllr Madeleine A... knows some hom stay on past their which puts them sure, and Cllr Aid... he knows an 88 ye... hours were cut fro week.

"If people are half hour home he more," said Cllr Pa