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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to register my deep concern, and objection, to the Licence Application No. W0274-01, AD Power, Roscommon, Ltd.

I was born and raised in Tibohine, and my family have lived there for generations. Currently I live outside the area but I have a large extended family there, and visit them on a regular basis. It is a warm, young, and vibrant community and I have always regarded it as home.

On Sat. 12-6-2010, I attended a meeting in the Community Centre, organised by The Tibohine Action Group Against the Waste Processing Plant, which AD Power, plan to construct in Ballinphuil,

Over two hundred people attended the meeting and without exception, were appalled at the advanced stage of planning this waste facility had attained, without having consulted with or informed, the people of the area. Only three weeks prior to this meeting, was the community alerted to the plan in its current form. The Planning notice, was advertised in the Irish Times on 30-12-09 when the country was snowed under, and whether or not, an environmental impact report, was carried out, was not satisfactorily explained on the night, by the representatives of AD Power, who attended the meeting.

In 2008 AD Power, sought and received the support of the community for a Bio-Diesel production plant, using rape seed, to be grown by the local farmers. However, that project did not materialize, but has re-emerged recently as a totally different kettle of fish.

The nature of waste to be processed is of grave concern, – Sludges from animal faeces, urine, manure, etc.- Sludges from septic tanks, etc.- Waste from the processing of meat, fish, dairy products, etc.- 24,999 tonnes, per annum, of the most foul and obnoxious material, to be hauled by lorries to the middle of a densely populated community, attracting rats, foxes, birds, and all sorts of vermin.

Add to this, the anxiety and distress, caused by the emission of fumes, odours, and dust, contaminating the air we breathe, compromising our health, assailing our homes, our school and our countryside, and we are looking at a prospect of appalling proportions.

This lucrative waste licence, for which AD Power are pushing so hard, would not only have a severe impact health wise on the community, but would devalue every home and property in the locality.

The site is located in an extremely environmentally sensitive area, and also one of significant cultural, archaeological, and historical interest.

There are a number of springs adjacent to the proposed site, which are used as the domestic supply, and main source of drinking water, by a number of the residents. Luggadil spring, less than a mile from the proposed waste treatment plant, is the source of the Banada River, which flows directly along by the end of the site.

It is a contributory of the Lung River, which in turn runs into Lough Gara, about three miles away. Lough Gara is the main domestic water supply for hundreds of homes in the Sligo / Roscommon area.

A waste facility such as that envisaged by AD Power, would pose a huge threat to the integrity of this water supply.

Tibohine National School, just across the N5, is not even a mile from where the site is located. What level of emission does AD Power regard as acceptable, to permeate our school? Do they think it is appropriate to expose our children to such a risk? We don't think so! Our children don't need this health hazard, and neither do the residents of this community. As the AD Power Representatives, were aptly informed by a speaker at the meeting: "Odours, Dust, and Bacteria, are not like horses you know! You can't fence them in!"

Regarding the reply by AD Power, to the question in the EPA Document, concerning the presence and proximity of Archaeological Sites and Monuments, I believe, is incorrect and misleading. It is dismissive of our ancient heritage, and I would like to point out that the proposed site is located in the heart of an area steeped in ancient, historical, cultural and archaeological importance.

The proposed site is situated between the N5, and the Ballinfull Ring Fort, on the bank of the Banada River.

Less than one mile, to the east, is the ancient townland of Rathra. It has two Rathes and a Crannog, where the Druids practised their magic, rites and rituals, until St. Patrick converted them during his stay in Tibohine.

Rathkeery, was the ancient stronghold of the Ciarraighe Clan, descendants of Ciar, son of Queen Maedb and Fergus mac Roigh.

One mile to the west, is the townland of Lissian – Lois Aodain, - where there are three Rathes. An ancient manuscript from this Christian Scholastic site is incorporated in the Annals of the Four Masters.

Close by Tibohine National School, are the ruins of the Early Christian Monastery of St. Boethin. Said to be the son of a local chief, he was preparing for a battle in Gort na Fulla, Teevnacreeva, when St. Patrick was visiting the area, and converted him to Christianity. He founded the Abbey known as Teach Boethin, which subsequently became a renowned centre of learning. Ti Boethin is mentioned many times in the Annals and is described in one as: "An ait ba mho chu in Airteach, ba e Ti Boethin e."

To place a Waste Processing Facility, in the heart of this unique cradle of antiquity would be profane.

AD Power, does not suit this area, and is the worst kind of industry that could possibly be imposed on our community.

I hope you will take my deep concerns regarding it into consideration, and reject their licence application, W0274-01.

Respectfully yours,

Kitty O'Malley.