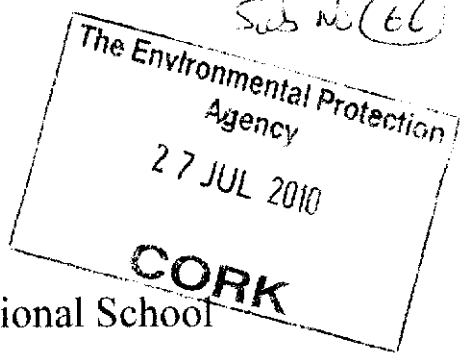


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Roscommon Co. Council Ref: 08656.

To Whom it may Concern,

We are a group of very concerned parents whose children are attending Tibohine National School which is in very close proximity to the proposed Bio-park which includes an Anaerobic Digester.

We have come together to investigate further on the application that was sent in to the EPA.

Our main concern in relation to this plant is size, types of waste, sourcing materials, odors, dust, vermin, traffic, Air and water pollution.

We were originally told that there was only six acres sold to Bio-Power and that this would be a small operation. Having looked at the map on the application it is stated that Bio-power owns the full thirty acres of land therefore this operation over time could be made in to a much larger scale operation .

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We are very concerned about the type of waste being brought in to our area, as we were originally led to believe it was a Bio-Diesel plant bringing in rape seed, oaten, wheaten and barley straw.

We have now discovered that this is a waste plant bringing in household , commercial and industrial waste, industrial sludge's and sewage sludge. Upon hearing this we are absolutely horrified to think this could be near our local National School where our children have to attend every day.

If AD power are to accept 10,000 tonne of rape seed in to this bio-park, our question is how are they going to source this ? It is not grown locally as Roscommon is only grazing land. They would have to transport this from other counties and therefore this is not practical or environmentally friendly.

At a recent meeting held in our local Community center with representatives from AD power and Bio-power they were unable to answer the concerned questions asked by local people. They also confirmed that if a build up of pressure occurs from the methane gas, it will flare off any excess gas in the air, therefore this will cause a great odour in the local area not to mention the health effects. There will also be an odour from the passing trucks filled with animal waste. We can not be guaranteed that there will be no spillage from these trucks.

Vermin and birds are attracted to waste plants like this therefore our local school will be affected by this.

Are we going to put our children's health at risk by sending them there?

The answer is NO we are not. We are our children's voice, therefore their health is our main concern and we will not put them at risk.

Air and water pollution is also another concern. There will be a lot of dust coming from this plant because of the rape seed production which also is bad for any children with chest problems or asthma. On the Environmental impact statement it states that there will be 26 Vehicle movements per day. This extra amount of traffic in itself will create a lot of dust. There is a stream bordering the site which if any waste water seeps into this it will pollute our water which leads into the Lung river and then into the Lough Gara.

We have done a lot of research into Anerobic Digesters and in particular where they are situated in other countries and one of the main points was that they should not be located near any amenities, ie. Local National schools, Community Centres, or houses. We have also obtained information that numerous Anerobic Digesters in other countries have been shut down because of complaints from local communities because of the smell coming from these Anerobic Digesters.

As Concerned parents of our local National School we don't want or need this kind of facility as Ireland is going to overshoot its green energy of 40% by 2020, (Irish Times March 5<sup>th</sup>). There is no urgency to rush through green energy projects particularly if they are proposed near our houses and schools. We would like you to consider our concerns as mentioned when you are making your decision on this Waste licence as our children's health is what matters to us.

Yours Sincerely

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