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Ballinaparson
Upper Glanmire
Co. Cork
21st of July 2010

Ref waste licence 136-02 review application

Dear Sir

I wish to object to the application by Greenstar to have its waste licence revised to allow it to a) increase its waste intake by over 100%, b) storage of an undefined / unlimited amount of waste on its processing site, c) revoke a 50% recycling/recovery rate currently in place and replace it with no limit or so it reads from the newspaper notice, d) allow 24hr operations

The principal grounds for this objection is odour control or lack of it arising from its operations. The background here is put in context by an EPA publication on its website under news releases, dated 4th of May, which details EPA activities across 2004/2005 in regard to enforcement. Table 7 shows complaints to the EPA in regard to activities on the Sarsfieldcourt site in 2004 as one of the countries most complained about sites. Table 8 of this report shows this site to be the countries number one most complained site during 2005 in regard to foul odours. On May 4th 2006 the EPA prosecuted Greenstar in regard to lack of odour control. Judge O'Leary fined Greenstar 20,000euro and applied the probation act in Cork district court

The application to both increase waste throughput and allow waste storage will lead to greater odour control issues arising if this application is approved. Given the history of this site, and as it is situated within a moderately housed area, and close to a GAA sports field, it appears this request if approved, will create a far greater level of nuisance

I am not sure what the logic which applies to allowing a previous offender, a licence to increase the probability of reoffending in the future

I also do not understand why a company which has been allowed to establish operations on the basis of a 50% recycling rate, to then apply for this limit to be removed. Are all licence conditions revokable having received a licence through a process of application to have the initial conditions removed?

Regards Loughlin Ryan

