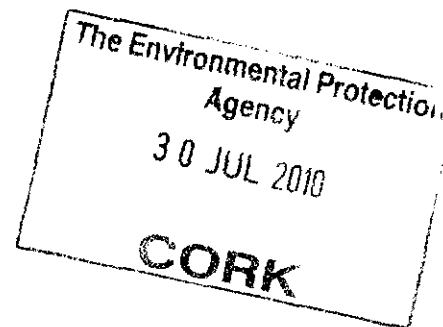
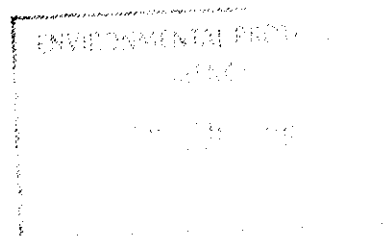


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28-07-2010.



Administration,
Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use,
Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters,
P.O. Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford.



To whom it concerns,

We wish to make an objection to the Waste Licence application Reg. No. WO274-01 at Ballinphull Tibohine, Co. Roscommon by ADPower Roscommon Ltd.

We're enclosing a letter from this week's Roscommon Herald which encapsulates our thoughts on this application.

Added to this is the fact that farmers in the area were canvassed to take fertilizer from the proposed recycling facility without being informed of the sewage content in this fertilizer. The majority of these farmers are either in REPS or Organic farming, which preclude the use of such fertilizer.

Yours Faithfully,

Mary Lavin, John Lavin
Mary and John Lavin.

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Letters

Loughshin,
Co. Mayo

Deep concerns over AD Power plans for Tibohine

Dear Editor,

I would like to register my deep concern and objection to the licence application by 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 Saturday, June 12th I attended a meeting in the community centre, organised by The Tibohine Action Group against the waste processing plant, which AD power plans to construct in Ballybault.

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 the community was alerted to the plan in its current form. The planning notice was advertised in the Irish Times on December 30th, 2009 when the country was snowed under. 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 materialise but has reemerged recently as a small, different kettle of fish.

The nature of waste to be processed is of grave concern, sludges from animal faeces, urine, manure, etc, sludge from septic tanks, etc, waste from the processing of meat, non-dairy products, etc. 24,999 tonnes per annum, of the most foul and obnoxious materials, to be hauled by lorries to the middle of a densely populated community, attracting rats, foxes, birds and all sorts of vermin, with the possibility and certainty of the emissions 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 facility for which AD Power is pushing so hard, would not only have a severe impact health wise on the community, but would devastate 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 domestic supply and main source of drinking water by a number of the residents. Etagadd spring is less than a mile from the proposed waste treatment plant. It is the source of the Banado River, which flows directly along by the end of the site. It is a contribution of the Linn River. This in turn runs into Lough Clea, about three miles away. Lough Clea is the main domestic water supply for hundreds of homes in the Roscommon area.

A waste facility so close to envisaged by AD would pose a huge threat to the integrity of the water supply.

Tibohine NS is across the N1, is not even a mile from where the site is located. What level of emissions does AD Power regard as acceptable to permeate our soil and air? 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 the 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 off!

Regarding the entry by AD Power to the question in the EPA document, concerning the presence and proximity of archaeological sites and monuments, I believe it is incorrect and misleading. It is insensitive to 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 Ballyvaughan Ring Road, on the banks of the Banado River.

Less than one mile to the east is the ancient stronghold of Rathkeery. It has two mounds and a rampart, and a stone circle, and their image, stones and ruins, until St Patrick converted them during his

stay in Tibohine

Rathkeery, was the ancient stronghold of the Ciarraige Clan, descendants of Uar, son of Queen Meadh and Fergus Mac Rough.

One mile to the west, is the graveyard of Uislián - Uis Aodhán where there are three Rath's. An ancient manuscript from this Christian scholastic site is incorporated in the Annals of the Four Masters.

Close by Tibohine NS are the ruins of the early Christian monastery of St. Beethin, said to be the son of a local chief he was preparing for a battle in Carr na hAidha, Teavnacreeva when St. Patrick was visiting the area and converted him to Christianity. He founded the Abbey known as Teach Beethin, which subsequently became a renowned centre of learning. St. Beethin is mentioned many times in the annals and is described in one as 'An air ba mhó i bhFion Airreach, beo i Bheethin'. 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 would possibly be imposed on our community

Respectfully yours
Kitty O'Malley

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Tracing the McCarthy connection

Dear Editor,

I wonder if any of your readers will be able to help me. I am trying to trace my mother's family tree but have got stuck very early on.

Her name was Jane McCarthy or possibly Jennie Carty. She had a sister she always called Bridie and a brother she referred to as Patrick.

As a child I can recall that she took me back to Boyle placed flowers on two graves saying 'I am the last one now. They are all here'.

I believe that she was born on August 11th, 1909 or certainly thereabouts. I have tried the official channels but cannot trace her birth details. I am sure the name has been changed and I would need to go up to the county records when she came to England. We

were brought up strict Catholics there might be some records - baptism etc.

Is there anyone in your area remembers her or any of her family? With luck, I may have a cousin or niece or nephew's living in the area. Hoping it can help me.

Yours faithfully,
Brian Martin.

The People
Roscommon

Roscommon is being destroyed

Dear Editor,

Firstly the analysis/reaction Fine Gael, regarding Green TD Minister John Gavaney TD, manifestation of ban turf in Ireland has seen the election of Roscommon Mayor Cllr Flanagan to meet this novel political opinion head on.

Despite Cllr Flanagan's ideologies on this matter, I call on the Fine Gael council administration to appoint a planning officer to devise a voluntary self regulatory act under licence here in Roscommon which turf cutters and contractors could voluntarily sign up to.

In essence this self cutting licence scheme would set a benchmark for other come throughout Europe, for the voluntary self regulation guidelines, of turf cutting within the prescribed limits of the habitats directive.

Secondly the ominous announcement by former Fianna Fáil Minister Barney TD that Roscommon Hospital will no longer be a stand alone facility raises serious concern for Roscommon people, name safe transport of patients to Hospital, possibility of overring in Galway Hospital and slide legacy effect on this relation with Galway Hospital having Roscommon with a department in name only.

In conclusion the agenda Minister for Health Mary TD TD former Fianna Fáil leader is an indifference to the idea of being the boss on our health. The agenda of John Gavaney TD former Fianna Fáil Minister for Health is one of action for the Roscommon turf cutters.