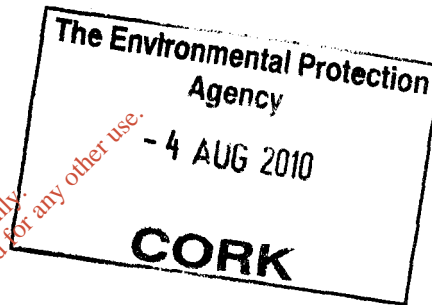


Cartronbeg
Frenchpark,
Castlerea,
Co. Roscommon.
28-07-2010.



Administration,
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Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters,
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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,

Sinead and Billy Lavin.

Billy Lavin
Sinead Lavin

Letters

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Louisburg,
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 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 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 totally 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, fish, 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. Add to this, the anxiety and distress, caused by 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 licence for which AD Power is 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 domestic supply and main source of drinking water by a number of the residents. Luggadil spring is less than a mile from the proposed waste treatment plant. It 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. This 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 would pose a huge threat to the integrity of this water supply.

Tibohine NS, 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 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 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 it 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 Ballinphuil Ring Fort, on the banks 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.

Rathkecry, was the ancient stronghold of the Ciarraighe Clan, descendants of Ciar, son of Queen Meadb 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 NS 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. St. Boethin is mentioned many times in the annals and is described in one as: 'An ait ba mho chu in Airteach, be e Ti Boethin'.

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

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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 possible Jennie Carty. She had a sister she always called Bridie and a brother she referred to as Paddy.

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 she must have lived in Boyle or very near to it up to the early 1920's 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 still living in the area. Hoping this can help me.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Martin.

3 The Plains
Roscommon

Roscommon is being destroyed

Dear Editor

Firstly the analysis/reaction Fine Gael, regarding Green Party Minister John Gormley TD manifestations, to ban turf cutting in Ireland has seen the elect new Roscommon Mayor Col Flanagan to meet this moving political agenda head on.

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

In essence this turf cutting licence scheme would set the benchmark for other counties 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 Party Minister Harney 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 overloading in Galway Hospital and a sizeable legacy effect on this co-dation with Galway Hospital leaving Roscommon with an empty department in name only.

In conclusion the agenda Minister for Health Mary Hanly TD former PD leader, is one of indifference to the idea of a hospital in the Roscommon Health Region. The agenda of John Gormley Green party Minister for Environment is one of scorn for the Roscommon turf cutter.