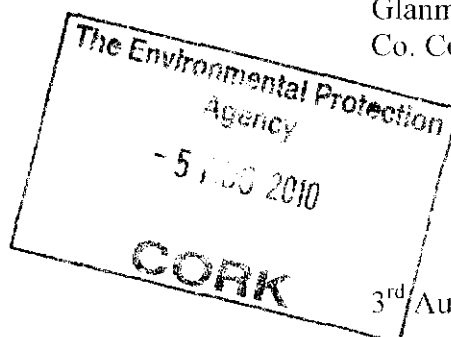


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Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed Development at Sarsfield Court Industrial Estate, Sarsfield Court,
Glanmire, Co. Cork
File No. 105636
Applicant, Greenstar Recycling (Munster) Limited

I am writing to you in relation to the proposed development 105636 at Sarsfield Court Industrial Estate, Sarsfield Court, Glanmire.

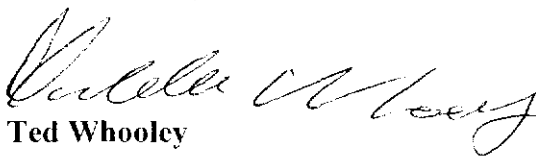
I would like to make the following observation about the proposed development:

1. Traffic - the proposed development wishes to more than double the current capacity and increase operating hours to a 24 hour basis 7 days a week. Currently the approach roads to this facility are not of sufficient quality to take increases in the volume of traffic.
There are no footpaths or cycle lanes on any of the approach roads making road use hazardous for pedestrians and cyclists. However these roads are often used by walkers, in particular Sarsfield Court and Crush in the evenings and at weekends.
Increasing traffic levels especially outside of daylight hours will increase the chances of an accident.
I would like to point out a number of junctions in particular which will not be able to handle the increased traffic volumes:
 - The exit from Crush Cross on to the Crush Road which is used on week days by the Upper Glanmire School bus is a junction with very little visibility in particular for traffic approaching from the right. If as suggested by Greenstar to the local community that the majority of traffic will be routed down the Crush Road there is an increased chance of an accident occurring at this junction.
 - The Sarsfield Court Industrial Estate exit - which has a blind spot to the right as traffic exits with traffic frequency exiting in front of oncoming traffic. This would be particularly dangerous if used by drivers unfamiliar with the area.
 - Accessing Buck Leary's Cross via Sarsfield Court which has limited visibility of traffic approaching from the left

2. **Litter** – over the last couple of years there has been a noticeable increase in the amount of litter on the approach roads which could be accounted for by the deliveries to Greenstar. This is particularly noticeable on the Crush road on which I live. This is not a major issue while the current planning application is taking place; however any granting of planning should be subject to the applicant ensuring that the approach roads are not adversely affected with increased litter levels as a result of this facility in particular the civic amenity area.
3. **Noise** - The proposed development is seeking to function 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. It would be a continuous operation with continuous noise from HGVs delivering to and collecting waste from the facility. This would have a particular environmental impact on those residents living in close proximity to the facility.
4. **Operating Hours:** there does not appear to be any reason to operate 24 hours, why would you want to facilitate someone delivering waste late at night as this facility is supposed to service the Cork area there does not appear to be any logical reason to take delivery of waste outside of normal business hours (i.e. 9 to 5 Monday to Friday)
5. **Policing** – as a condition of planning permission to operate the civic amenity area Greenstar should be required to have adequate policing in place to ensure that the facility is not abused.
6. **House Prices:** The house prices in this area will be adversely affected by the expansion of this centre due to increasing level of danger in the approach roads and increased litter levels. If the facility is not properly managed the impact on prices will be even greater than expected so I would expect strict conditions to be put in place.

Please consider this submission and we look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,



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