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EPA Headquarters
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Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed Greenstar Expansion at Sarsfieldcourt Industrial Estate, Glanmire
Planning Application Number: 105636
EPA Register Number: W0136-03
Applicant Name: Greenstar Recycling (Munster) Limited

We are writing to you in relation to the above mentioned proposed development at Sarsfieldcourt, Glanmire.

Firstly, we would like to thank you for this opportunity to express our concerns.

We object to this proposed development for the following reasons:

- 1) **Increased Traffic Levels:** The proposed application will result in an increased volume of traffic on the road directly outside our home. At the moment this country road is extremely busy and barely coping with the levels of traffic being carried on it. Also, it is extremely hazardous for pedestrians due it being quite narrow, the lack of footpaths and the dangerous corners. As a parent, I am very concerned for the welfare of my young family who will be waiting on this road for the school bus for the local primary school. The proposed expansion will only further exacerbate the hazardous conditions and will have a substantial impact on the safety of all road users. It will also impact the quality of the roads.
- 2) **Constant Traffic Noise:** The proposed application of extending waste acceptance hours to allow for 24 hour waste acceptance 7 days per week will result in constant traffic noise outside our home which will greatly reduce our quality of life. This is a quiet country area and heavy goods vehicles can be heard distinctly from the road in our home during quiet times of the day and night.
- 3) **Air Quality:** We live within 1 mile of the proposed development and due to prevailing winds we have winds travelling to our house from the plant on a daily basis. On occasions

we can smell odours from the plant where waste is currently processed. The proposed increased levels of waste storage and processing will further increase the odours emitted from the plant and will be released into the atmosphere and blow towards our home.

- i) What research has been carried out to assess the long-term health effects on our family and other residents of the area in close proximity to the plant?
 - ii) What guarantees can be provided to us that any gases/odours emitted from the plant will not be harmful?
 - iii) What preventative measures are in place to ensure no harmful or unpleasant odours are emitted?
- 4) **Risk of Seepage to Water Supply:** The proposed application mentions the acceptance of hazardous waste material. Almost all local dwellings, including our own, have private wells drilled in the locality. Should there be any spillage or seepage of this waste from the plant all drinking water in the region could be contaminated.
- i) What precautions are to be taken to prevent the contamination of these wells which provide our daily drinking water?
 - ii) What protection of this very valuable natural resource will be in place?
- 5) **Hazardous to the Area:** The site is less than 100 meters away from Glanmire Football and Sarsfields Hurling pitch, exposing the users of this facility, both adults and children to dangers from the increased truck traffic, noxious smells, emissions and noise from the plant. It is unacceptable to expose people engaged in such sporting activities to these kinds of hazards. In particular children are much more sensitive to the environment and changes in the environment and will feel the harmful affects of the site more significantly.
- 6) **Growth:** We note that this application is an amendment to existing planning conditions. We strongly oppose to these alterations as we see them as planning 'creep' that we expected would not be considered when initial planning was granted.

Please consider our submission of objection and we look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,

Gerard & Juliann Hayes