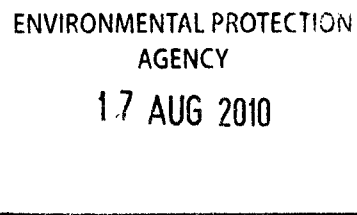


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Submission to the EPA



Greenstar Recycling (Munster) Ltd,
EPA Register Number : W0136-03

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to submit the following observations in relation to the application by Greenstar Recycling (Munster) Ltd for renewal of its waste licence.

I object to this licence being renewed.

The primary objections that I have are as follows,

Reason 1

The facility currently operates more or less during normal business hours. The proposal I feel for the facility to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week is unacceptable as it would increase the numbers of trucks and other large vehicles on the roads at these hours. It would impact on the persons using the surrounding amenity of the area such as walking/cycling on the roads or using the playing pitches at Bucklearys crossroads.

The facility is located in a quiet rural area with narrow roads. In fact the R616 road running from west to east outside the Greenstar facility has official signage at several points deeming it to be "Unsuitable for heavy Vehicles"

Reason 2

The proposed capacity increase from 95,000 to 200,000 tonnes is too much in my opinion and effectively doubles the amount of Greenstar traffic on the roads surrounding the facility. The road traffic associated with Greenstar is only "barely tolerable" at current levels. A dramatic increase in traffic (even if spread across extended operating hours) is unacceptable in my opinion.

The facility is located in a quiet rural area with narrow roads. In fact the R616 road running from west to east outside the Greenstar facility has official signage at several points deeming it to be "Unsuitable for heavy Vehicles"

Reason 3

The operation of a "civic amenity" area to allow members of the public to bring household waste will increase road traffic in the area also. The facility is not located close to an urban area and could hardly be described as "conveniently located" for the persons living in the nearest large urban area i.e Cork City or even Glanmire village itself for that matter.

Reason 4

As with all industrial activities there will always be a certain level of noise associated with them. There is a level of noise emitting from Greenstar during its normal working day. The impact of this noise will be greater if they were to operate 24 hours a day as in the evening and night time , there would be very little other noise to mask it.

Reason 5

There has always been issues within the local community with the emission of foul odours from the Greenstar facility at Sarsfield Court. In fact in recent years, the GreenStar Facility at Sarsfield court has been prosecuted by the EPA for such an offence. I would be concerned the any facilities that Greenstar have for odour abatement would be overloaded by the proposed capacity increase (without additional capacity and redundancy being installed). I would also be concerned that the proposal to allow Greenstar to operate 24 hours a day / 7 days a week would lead to increased odour emissions during evening and weekends when persons would be using local amenities such as walking/cycling on the local roads or the playing pitches at Bucklearys Crossroad.

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

Yours sincerely,



Keith Mc Cormack BEng Mech (Hons)

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