

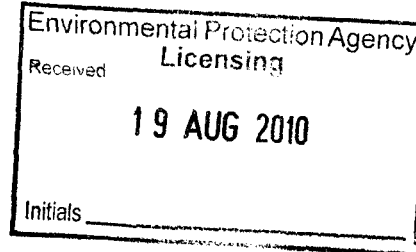
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**Submission to EPA Re W0136-03**

18-August-2010

Re: Greenstar Planning Application, Sarsfield Court Industrial Estate, Glanmire  
File No. 105636  
Applicant, Greenstar Recycling (Munster) Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in relation to the above proposed development at Templeisque, Glanmire, Co. Cork.

I object to this proposed development for the following reasons.

Any further extension granted to the plant would have an even greater negative impact on the people living close to the plant who use the surrounding areas for walking/cycling on the roads and use the Glanmire GAA pitches which are directly opposite the plant at Bucklearys Cross. The proposed more than doubling of the waste entering the plant and the waiving of certain original conditions are totally unexceptable

The negative impact includes: House price reductions, water leakage to the watertable, vile smells, increased traffic, increased litter and increased noise levels (particularly at evening & night when there is little ambient noise to mask HGV traffic noise and facility operation noise).

House prices are currently low but if this plant gets the planning it seeks residents can logically expect their property prices to decrease further due to smells, traffic increases, noise pollution (especially noticable at night), possible leakage into the watertable etc.

The area at the plant has natural spring which feed the Glashaboy river which is a source of water for the surrounding areas. Any threat due to seepage from the Greenstar facility would result in damage to the water supply for thousands of residents.

The local community have always had issues with the emission of foul odours from the Greenstar plant at Sarsfield Court. Culminating in the GreenStar Facility at Sarsfield court having been prosecuted by the EPA for such an offence in 2006. However, vile smells are still emmitted from the plant. It appears to be most frequent outside of normal working hours and at weekends.

The Plant is located in a quiet rural area with already busy narrow roads. The R616 road running from west to east outside the Greenstar plant passes St. Michael's Primary School and has official signage deeming it to be "Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles", and yet I have personally witnessed Greenstar vehicles using this approach road. I have supplied some images of dangerous situations caused by HGV's on the roads that daily accommodate school busses and school commute traffic. Given the proposed increase in traffic, residents could only expect the approach roads to become even more dangerous. The bridge at the bottom of Sarsfields Court is extremely narrow and I personally know of people who have witnessed drivers of HGV's on their phones while trying to guide their vehicles through the narrow space on and approaching the bridge.

In the past I have seen Greenstar employees doing a clean-up on some roads near the plant. This I welcome, but this was infrequent at best and has not been repeated in the recent past. Given the extra HGV's that may be expected to travel the roads it can be expected that there would be extra debris falling from vehicles on the approach roads to the facility.

The roads are narrow and have tree branches encroaching onto the roads from both sides as well as numerous overhanging branches. These would interfere with the cargo areas of the trucks and cause items to litter the roads. The fact that trucks would be allowed to travel at night and some operators are not Greenstar employees may well encourage operators wishing to save time not to secure their loads correctly. Thus, cargo that is not secured properly, combined with narrow roads, the temptation to drive faster and the overhanging trees would present a very serious danger to other road users and the environment. Any items falling off trucks during darkness would pose an extremely serious accident hazard due to reduced visibility during the hours of darkness.

If the plant were to offer Civic Amenity status it would further increase the levels of domestic traffic in the area and litter. Domestic users would be unfamiliar with the narrow approach roads and bends in the area, they may be inexperienced at towing trailers and from my own observations at other sites, fail to pay adequate attention to securing their cargo.

I respectfully suggest that my submission is considered and I await your considered reply.

Sincerely

Tomas Tyner & Family