Cloonlee, Sarsfield Court, Glanmire, Co. Cork.

environmental protection Agency August 2010

Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Licensing Programme, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford.

Re: Greenstar Planning Application, Sarsfield Court Ind. Est., Glanmire File No. 105636 Applicant: Greenstar Recycling (Munster) Ltd. Reg. No. W0136-03

Dear Sirs,

Further to your letter dated 6th August the following are our submissions regarding the above planning application:-

Site: Greenstar's operation is sited on high ground. There is a stream flowing at the eastern end of this plant. It flows through Sarsfield Court land and enters the Glashaboy River at Sarsfield Court Bridge. Water from this river contributes to the water supply in Cobh, Midleton, etc.

Local Water Supply: Albour houses are depending on water from bored wells as are Greenstar. This expansion will require an excessive increase in their supply. When new houses have been built locally, wells have run dry.

Seepage: The possibility of seepage occurring from lack of maintenance at the plant or from lorries, etc. to the plant is ever present.

Traffic: The present roads of Sarsfield Court, Templeisque, Crush & Ballinvriskig are not capable of coping with the existing traffic not to mind the increase the above planning extension proposal would bring to this area. We are residents since 1957 and no traffic survey has been carried out as far as we know. Speed limits and sign(s) like the one at White's Cross are ignored by lorries. Two lorries meeting causes a traffic jam. Lorries continue to drive across continuous white lines. The Glanmire Area Community Association received several complaints regarding Greenstar lorries. This problem was also discussed at their A.G.M. at which I, Josephine, was present. The then Chairperson visited Greenstar and two of their representatives attended a meeting and promised that their lorries would use the by-pass. They still continued to use the above roads. Buck Leary's Cross has been the scene of many accidents as sight from Templeisque is very poor. Also, several accidents have occurred in the vicinity of Upper Glanmire Bridge – hair-pin bend.

Hospital: The site for St. Stephen's Hospital was chosen for the clean air in the area. We would like to keep it so. Day patients and pedestrians are in constant danger as there are no foot-paths in Sarsfield Court. People have to be protected as well as the environment.

G.A.A. Pitches at Buck Leary's Cross: These pitches get a lot of use. They are across the road from Greenstar's entrance.

Emissions & Nuisance: Greenstar's record to date re odours is not good. Locals have not been made aware of what odour emissions or what environmental impact this expansion would incur. Noise and traffic fumes will be ever-present.

Civic Amenity Area: As well as the traffic this would bring to our roads, litter also cannot be ruled out.

Yours faithfully,

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