

**To:** The Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA Headquarters  
P.O. Box 3000,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co Wexford.



**Ref:** Murphy environmental Hollywood limited.

Application for hazardous waste licence at Hollywood, Naul, Co Dublin.  
Application no: W0129-03.

14<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

**From:** Patrick –Ben, & Barbara Jones,

Kinoud Lodge, Hollywood, Ballyboughal, Co Dublin

We wish to make a submission concerning the request from you the EPA, by the above company Murphy Environmental Hollywood, for a licence to landfill hazardous and toxic waste at Hollywood.

My name is Patrick-Ben Jones I am sixty three years of age and my occupation is farming. I have lived in this area all my life along with my wife Barbara. We have three grown up sons two whom are married, and are thinking of starting families in the near future.. our farm is bordered on its northern boundary by this proposed facility and is bordered on its eastern boundary by the proposed Fingal County landfill ...."The Nevitt"....

We wish this application to be rejected and are gravely concerned for the welfare of ourselves, our family, and our neighbouring community.

**HEALTH.**

The growing awareness of obesity in Ireland has encouraged everyone to exercise to keep their health in good condition. One of the ways the local's do this is by walking and cycling. This would be detrimental if the proposed volume of truck movements were allowed. This has been an enjoyable experience in the last few years due to the decrease of heavy trucks.

We are very concerned about the toxic nature of this waste. By its nature toxic ash could be airborne thereby the people in the area with asthma and respiratory complaints would be seriously affected and confined indoors. This would compromise their quality of life which is a fundamental right.

**TRUCK MOVEMENTS.**

This proposed facility is on a narrow winding bendy country road. In order to transport the maximum tonnage allowed per annum, 500.000 tons as per An Bord Pleanala, this would

take an enormous volume of heavy truck movements. \*We do not know the opening hours of this facility when it's in full ongoing operation\*

There are no footpaths, street lighting and the road surface is in poor repair. There is a proposed new school at Hedgestown all these trucks would have to pass this new school.

#### WATER.

Water is an important resource and next year there is going to be a charge.. We intend to drill for our own well on our own land; we know there is an adequate supply to be had. But are concerned this introduction of toxic waste to the area would deprive us of this natural resource.

#### FARMING.

We are farmers and grow fresh vegetables for human consumption. We need to be guaranteed the ability to continue to do so without impairment.

#### LOCATION OF PROPOSED FACILITY.

The location of this facility, to landfill hazardous toxic ash waste, is on top of one of the highest hills in scenic north country Dublin zoned H/A. This is a windswept hill; there is no shelter or windbreak. The winds will vacuum everything that is within the quarry and we are of the opinion that toxic contamination of the surrounding lands and towns will be inevitable.

#### POINTS TO PONDER.

- Access to public road by residences and business.
- Health issues... for residence.... fear of bad health **CANCERS** and **RESPIRATORY ILLNESS**.
- Environmental... ; bio diversity, growing of crops for human consumption, well water, contamination of lands.
- Community concerns; new schoolhouse, dehumanising of the area.
- Property; total destruction of property values.
- Request oral hearing.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

With respect, the ability of the EPA to police this proposed facility, should it be granted a licence, is of grave concern to us as residents, and our home is not even three hundred metres away from it. To quote an historic situation, a licence was approved by the EPA W0129/02 to landfill ~C+D waste in this facility; your inspector stated that the noise and dust levels would not be injurious to the residents in the immediate vicinity as most of the workings would be below ground level. **This was blatantly untrue** and the constant screeching from reverse sirens, each at a different pitch, from giant dump trucks and

tracked bulldozers and engine noises, it was so unbearable to leave windows open. This situation was an aberration of your inspector's grant of approval. At this time the truck movement in this area has ceased due to the downturn in the construction industry, we are back to normality.

Our confidence in the EPA to police the situation has been severely shattered. At the same time we witnessed the Minister for environment, "Mr Dick Roach" awards the facility with an ISO Rating, and quite obviously the Minister didn't live here. With respect, once more, it's indeed with heavy heart we recount the many public bodies that have made wrong and injurious decisions in the past and have cost the taxpayers many billions in compensation.

This is an enormous task which has been placed upon you. The lives, plans and future ambitions of our families lie on your decision and the very fabric of our culture and community.

We remain;

Yours respectfully,

Ben and Barbara Jones.

*Barbara Jones*

*Patrick B Jones.*