

Sub. No. 101.

## Objection Submission

As a resident living in Beauparc I am very concerned about the impact the proposed power plant at Panda Waste will have on the East Meath area.

This is no small undertaking. This is another massive waste project planned for Meath.

The proposed Biomass Power Plant will apparently cover **over 5 acres** and has major implications for air quality, potentially spreading cancer causing dioxins over a huge area with the prevailing winds from chimneys heading right over Newgrange and the Boyne valley region. Water quality is also at major risk since the Lougher River, adjacent to the site, runs into the Boyne with the possibility of spills and toxic substance polluting the water. This will affect spawning beds, drinking water, and the whole eco system of the river Boyne.

. Apart from the health hazards, pollution etc this proposed plant is sitting in the middle of a locality with numerous houses (petrol station and butcher shops and deli actually situated on the site!) with schools a stones throw away. It is totally unsuitable and utterly irresponsible for the EPA, the Government, and The Meath county council to even consider approval for this massive undertaking in a rural & agricultural area.

Already the heavy volume of traffic to and from the site with heavy trucks from early morning (5am) to evening is extremely dangerous as the site is located on a very dangerous junction. One can only imagine the level of traffic to the site if this plant goes ahead.

The N2 & adjacent roads will be wall-to-wall with waste Lorries.

Properties will be utterly devalued and the entire region will become a no-go for home buyers. We already have the Knockharley dump and now this.

I have only become aware of this license application a few weeks before Christmas. Why the apparent vale of secrecy? Was there an environmental impact study carried out by Meath county council??

Meath County council and the Minister for the Environment need to make a decision: Do they want Meath to be the **dump capital of Ireland or the Heritage capital of Ireland?** I'm all for creating jobs and Panda is a good employer but this is a bridge too far, with risks too great, for too many sections of the community: for health, farming, and tourism, and it will only create a maximum of 40 jobs.

Newgrange UNESCO heritage site is one of only two sites in this country and there is now no doubt, if this plant goes ahead the UNESCO status would be seriously compromised.

There is huge potential in job creation in the Boyne Valley region all built around the Newgrange site. Meath is abundantly rich in heritage and it just hasn't been developed and it requires some one with balls and imagination to get up and make it happen instead of looking for soft job options that may have a short term gain but in the long term may destroy the riches we have to offer the world.

Too many of our leading politicians in Meath just 'run with the hare and hunt with the hound' and Meath co. council have been totally inept in tapping in to the real growth areas that will create huge employment in the Boyne Valley region.

Anyone with common sense and with any degree of pride in the Royal county and wish to protect our homes, the health of our children, and our heritage will see this is a very dangerous proposal and will have major negative consequences for all of us.

I request that the EPA refuse this licence application ref. wo140-04 from Nurendale Ltd.

Yours sincerely

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