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Subject: Glanpower query

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To: Brian Meaney

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Dear Mr. Meaney,

I wish to make the following submission in relation to the Application for a Waste Licence by Glanpower Ltd.

From the very first meeting with the two Directors of this Company I voiced my objections to the construction of a factory in this Agricultural area. I want to register my objections to the E.P.A granting the Licence applied for by Glanpower and base my objections on the following:-

1. It must be remembered that the Landfill operated by Offaly County Council was very contentious locally due to poor maintenance and foul odours. Glanpower advised that if their factory got the go-ahead it would extract these gases from the landfill and use them in their processes, this was later downgraded to a possibility, locals were misled.
2. Two meetings were held in a local hotel with a presentation, a lot of scientific information was talked, but if one was not a scientist or from that background this information was of little help. People were talking about oxygen being extracted from waste and incinerated without flame, this I presume to overcome local fears of an incinerator.
3. I pointed out that there was insufficient waste generated in the Midland region to keep this factory supplied and was advised that waste would be sourced in other areas. Carbon Foot Print did not appear to be a consideration, I would point out that Carbon foot print was one of the reasons that Offaly County Council failed in their application to Bord Planala when they wanted to increase the intake to the landfill. Local farmers would be approached to provide biomass, this is currently being promoted by another Company with twenty year guarantee contracts.
4. Road structures are not adequate to accommodate the huge volume of traffic required to meet their needs.
5. In their E.I.S. (which I will refer to later) they say that there are no hospitals, schools or Old Folks residential homes in the area, they claim that their process is completely clean, if so, why consider these premises, it would appear that residents will be immune.
6. I pointed out that this was not the logical location to construct their factory, they advised that they had six sites available to them but the planning department of Offaly County Council advised them that Derryclure was the best location, in my opinion that locating at the landfill was beneficial to the Council. Locals are still of the opinion that this was not a clear transaction and some questions remain to be answered.
7. I have read their E.I.S. and can say that I can find nothing in this report that in any way reflects the Environment in which I live now and have for the last fifty years. To me this report appears to be a Shelf purchase. On first reading I expected that I would be able to recognise my own area, but it would appear that whoever composed this article had never even visited this area. I presume that this Statement forms part of their application and if so I plead with you for a close examination of the detail and certification of the author.
8. Emphasis has been put by the promoters on their communications with locals but to date information supplied is of little comfort as the process that they propose to use is new to this Country and when we were offered the opportunity to witness it in operation the plant had broken down, this did not fill us with confidence.
9. The location of this factory does not make economic sense as the power generated will have to be taken to its market place and also the heat produced which it claims would be sufficient to cater for the needs of the General Hospital in Tullamore would have to be piped in some manner to that location, this provided that the necessary planning was granted. One of their sites in an industrial area in Tullamore would have made more sense.
10. The granting on Planning is still contentious as Exit from this site is on to a Primary Route Road and a number of planning applications for domestic dwellings were refused saying that no more traffic was going to be allowed exit on this road....Offaly County Council have been exiting on to this road from the landfill, but they are an Authority where Glanpower Ltd are a commercial operation.

11. As E.P.A., ou Agency has the final say in these matters, I trust that the Health, Safety and Wellbeing on residents and farmers in this area will be fully protected by yout decisions and should ome accident occur you will be held accountable. With this in mind I would urge you to have indpendent analysis of all figures and calculations provided in their prospectus for consideration of licence application..

In conclusion I would strongly advise that all matters pertaining to this Application be minutely scrutinised.

Kind regards,

John Deering

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