To Whom It May Concern  
Re: Sewage Treatment Plant in Whitegate, Co Clare.

I am writing to you in connection with Clare Co Council’s 'Waste Water Discharge Authorisation' within the treatment plant situated in Gweeneeny, Whitegate, Co Clare. I have reason to believe that sewage from the holding area in the plant is leaking sewage into the drain which runs beside my garden. This holding area in question is nothing more than a hole in the ground, dug a number of years ago and is not lined at all. I can see this by walking to edge of my land and looking straight into the sewage plant. This holding area is approx 15 metres from my garden and the smell during the dry spells can be overwhelming.

Clare Co Council, approx once a year, clean out the contents of the holding area with a JCB and they leave the contents on the side of the bank within the sewage treatment plant.

I have recently discovered that Clare Co Council have applied to you, The EPA, for a 'Waste Water Discharge Licence' but to date, there has been no notice displayed indicating this planning application, which we believe is illegal, furthermore, Clare Co Council has dismissed, on a number of occasions my complaint.

Our local councillor has seen and smelt the problem of foul water in the drain first hand.

Finally, we hope that this objection will see Clare Co Council sort out the holding area and treatment plant once and for all. I have attached a few photos of the hole in the ground in question.

Yours Sincerely

Adrian Hynes