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To: <u>Licensing Staff</u>

Subject: Objection to Killarney Asphalt Plant.

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To Environmental Protection Agency,

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We wish to object to the granting of an Air Polution Licence to Roadstone on the following grounds:Killarney and Asphalt Plant should not be used in the same sentence. It's not a nimby statement to make but common sense. One provides tourism to many thousands of people and the other .... well it's not an operation that sits easily with the other. Plume Chemistry and three pollutants is definitely going to negatively impact the 19 dwellings in the area and their occupants. (I think a map from 1953 must have been used to arrive at that number of 19 dwellings.

However, rather like the plume of smoke from the proposed 50 foot stack the consequences of granting of this licence will we feel drift further afield and affect many more than the supposed 19 dwellings in the area.

We feel that it will have negative effect on the Killarney name. Why? because with the major tourist road into Killarney running past the entrance of Roadstone, the smoke plume will be visible to the many thousands of people who pass by it on their way into Killarney. Figures 3 to 9 Air Quality Impact of Asphalt Plant by SLR Consulting.

The charts show emissions and predicted fallout of pollutants. If those charts are correct and I've no reason to believe they are not. Will those discharges be visible to the naked eye or will they not. If they are visible from the N22, then this is not good for an area that prides itself and lives mainly on its tourism. Traffic often backs up to the Roadstone site and the associated smell of Asphalt production will be the first welcome to Killarney that people visiting our lovely town will experience. Coming to Killarney from the Tralee direction visitors are welcomed by a lovely view over the town. Coming from the Cork direction, they will be welcomed by a plume of smoke and a smell of Asphalt!

Are we exaggerating or not? If not it should be a simple matter to provide a computer simulation to show not just by data but by a computer generated visible representation of what people will see coming to the Roadstone site on the N22 as they approach Killarney coming from the Cork direction.

If there is any merits to the above comments, then the granting of the licence is not just about the 19 dwellings, it will have an affect on many more lives and livelihoods than those in the '19 dwellings'.

Monitoring and testing, who does it? The acid rain produced by the smoke plume will cause the carcinogenic contents of the smoke plume to fall to earth in a relatively small area polute the land and the nearby river Flesk which flows into the lakes of Killarney. Is monitoring going to take place on the Flesk river before and after Roadstone's contribution to the Flesk river in the form of airborn pollutants getting washed into it when it rains. What will be the affects on cattle who graze land nearby, I don't know.

To conclude on a personal note. We still don't know what the hours of operation at the pit are. In the planning application by Roadstone for the Air Licence, they quote Normal Operation of the Plant as been from 0400 am to to 1900 pm. Does that mean that abnormal operation is also allowed. No don't tell me, probably special circumstances allow it.

Yours sincerely,

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