



FRIENDS OF THE MURROUGH

to Environment Section
Wicklow County Council

15th February 2010.

Re Multimetals Site Permit Number WFP WW 09 0014 01

Dear Sirs,

Friends of the Murrough have reviewed the conditions attached to the permit granted to Multimetals for a metal recycling site (including end of life vehicles). We are pleased to note that, despite our concerns regarding the suitability of this site for such a dirty activity, at least many of our concerns relating to this business are covered by the conditions.

It was immediately obvious that the several of the conditions rendered the business inoperable as it would not be possible to comply without contravening planning laws.

In particular the conditions could not be met within a 1.2 metre wall and we were not surprised to see an planning application for a higher wall.

However, in view of the local authority's confidence that a carefully worded permit would be adequate to meet local residents concerns, we are shocked that the business has commenced in clear contravention of those conditions and it appears that the local authority has taken no action to stop it.

- *condition 1.20. The permit holder shall not commence any recovery or recycling activities on-site until such time as all infrastructure requirements as specified in the application and as specified in condition 4 of this permit have been complied with*
- *.The permit holder shall maintain a secure gate and fence around the site perimeter*

This site cannot be secured until the permit holder receives planning permission for a new, higher wall and therefore Multimetals are working in contravention of the conditions of the permit.

Other areas of concern are related to conditions which may not have been complied with.

- *condition 2.2. Are all the procedures listed in this condition in place?*
- *Condition 4.9. Have the interceptor tanks been inspected?*
- *Condition 6.20 How can soiled water be contained and away from the river when there isn't even a wall?*

There are many other conditions that may not have been met but those above are the most critical to our concerns to ensure the protection of the river and general amenity for residents of Wicklow who use this area as the only recreational space in the town.

We ask that you immediately take up your responsibility as the permitting authority to stop all recycling activities at this site until all the conditions of the permit have been met.

We also ask for acknowledgement of this letter and a report on Multimetals compliance of other conditions which only you can monitor.

Yours truly

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