



Good Friday - 2nd April 2021

The Director/ Manager in Charge of
Solid Fuel Regulations Consultation
Air Quality Division
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
Newtown Road
Wexford

RE: "Public Consultation on the development of new Solid Fuel Regulations for Ireland"
"Public Engagement" and "Technical Consultation"
"To improve Air Quality for everyone ..." –
To protect against the "Health Impacts of Air Pollution" – that have a "big impact on our health and the health of our neighbours"
Need for long overdue new 'Regulations' and or 'Legislation' to close existing loopholes

Dear Sir / Madam,

Under "Public Engagement" I am writing to you to make a Submission" with some "Technical Information to support it", more or less anonymously (having no facility to make such "online"). Glad to read that "Additional comments outside the questions posed are welcome." I am "clearly indicating to you" that I do NOT want published on your website "Personal Information" (my name and address) and "Sensitive Information" about neighbours or my "Personal Data" collected or shared with any other entity, save with  County Council" and the "Environmental Protection Agency", if needed, and only with my permission. It would be desirable if there was engagement with some of the Speakers at your "Town Hall Meetings"?

Endeavouring to solve the Air Pollution problems of Smoke and Foul Soot Nuisance and Trespass across the boundaries of my property and **IN TO** my home, I already made two Submissions, (one 9 years ago and the other 4 years ago) to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication in Newtown Road Wexford, all to no avail.

1. On the 17th May 2012 I made a Submission to the Public Consultation Process – "DELIVERING CLEANER AIR" (Copy was Enclosure in the Sub of 26/4/2017) AND
2. On 26th April 2017 a Submission for "NATIONAL CLEAN AIR STRATEGY CONSULTATION".

For your convenience, Copies of the Submission of 17/5/2012 sent by Fax, and of the Submission of 26/4/2017 ~~and~~ with Cover Letter are enclosed. They are to form part of this SUBMISSION. [PLEASE REDACT/DELETE THE ADDRESS AT TOP OF EACH, FOR LEGAL REASONS.] The Air Pollution issues described in both (since 2012) are continuing on a nightly basis. There is no need for me to repeat the contents again.

My health has deteriorated enormously since September 2020 due to Air Pollution. On reading your Consultation Document in the last few days, I now realise that the symptoms I am experiencing daily are classic symptoms of Pollution by "particulate matter". I have reported nearly all of these types of symptoms on a daily basis to [REDACTED] – that I am unable to breath, stay alert and awake, there is a 'haze' in the bedroom and over my eyes, dry eyes, ear aches, sinuses blocked, face inflamed, mouth dry, and particularly this week, a shake in my hands preventing me from even lifting a cup of hot tea, standing up and/or getting out of bed, headaches and balance problems. One morning recently instead of my face being 'inflamed and red', my face was deathly white and I got a big shock. It is insidious and gradual pollution for hours. I am being slowly poisoned with Air Pollution and Smoke.

On Wednesday of this week 31/3/2021, I was unable to think or start typing up the draft of this Submission. It was about 3pm before I recovered after a walk at a distance from my house in order to get some fresh air into my lungs. This was because of the Air Pollution the night before that was all over my back garden, front garden and driveway, side kitchen yard, all over the area on the path on the road, the lane and surrounding roads. I spend my evenings walking the roads to find where it is coming from. It sometimes starts about 5.30pm and continues until about 1am, and sometimes does not dissipate until after 3am. Only then can I open my bedroom window to let out the **BAD AIR** from **INSIDE** my own home. I am unable to open the windows of my home for 'fresh air' day or night. I am entitled to "Clean Air", on a 24/7/365 day basis like every other household in this Country.

Your help, and the help of all the 'experts' you can call-on, is required in order to STOP Air Pollution and Smoke and Soot Nuisance, nightly and at weekends, for approximately 9 months of every year for nearly 16 years, emanating from stove installations in properties surrounding my home. [REDACTED] County Council, the EPA and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications have failed to investigate properly or thoroughly, the continuous Air Pollution or to STOP the Health hazards. All entities have responsibility for Environmental Health and the delivery of "Clean Air".

On Page 2 of your Consultation Document you quote the following: - "The 2020 EPA Air Quality Report highlights that the main source of the smaller and more dangerous particulate matter is solid fuel burning for home heating." What type of 'wood', with what moisture content, can be burned in Stoves? On Page 6 it is stated that "air pollution in general, and particulate matter especially, (is recognised) as causing cancer to humans". "The latest evidence indicates that the health impacts of air pollution are more wide ranging (see Figure 1) than was previously understood." "While we are all familiar with more visible forms of air pollution, such as smoke from coal fires, new evidence suggest that invisible forms of pollution such as fine particulate matter, are at least as harmful to health, as more visible forms of air pollution." "Poor air quality is linked to serious health implications, both short-term (acute temporary complaints such as headache, breathing difficulty, or eye irritation) and long-term (chronic ongoing conditions, including asthma, reduced liver function and cardiovascular disease." Please stop the Air Pollution problems that are dangerous to my health. Every other avenue of redress has been tried and I am exhausted.

The Local Authority, [REDACTED] County Council", "The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications" (via previous Submissions to Wexford) and the "Environmental Protection Agency" have all failed utterly to stop the Air Pollution issues I am experiencing.

Please draft all necessary Legislation and/or Regulations to cover the persistent and ongoing problems of Air Pollution. There are loopholes between Pollution issues and Building Regulations, the height of a Chimney, 'lining' of Chimneys for Stoves etc.

Which entities should have "Powers of Enforcement" when Local Authorities fails in their duty to stop Air Pollution? The Local Authority [REDACTED] are responsible for Environmental Health and the delivery of "Clean Air".

As suggested in my previous Submissions, please investigate the possibility of having Air Pollution dealt with by the same simple method as described in the Department's "Guide to the Noise Regulations" via District Court Order, instead of my having to pay Solicitors fees and the High Courts costs to get redress. See my previous Submissions where I recommended these types of actions but nothing was done. This is long overdue.

Please retrieve these two Submissions from your records to better understand the issues as I am not able to do a renewed version. Nearly every thing covered in these previous Submissions. It was my intention to enclose Copies for your convenience, but now realise I am unable to get them photocopied. NB. Also please REDACT and DELETE on ALL copies my Name and Address for the reasons stated above.

Please send me a copy of the "Summary Document" when produced as I am very anxious to see if any of my suggestions are incorporated.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

END NOTE: The Department's choice of making *Good Friday* a working day and the Closing Date for Submissions is unacceptable. Our Blessed Lord will note the new "Government of Ireland's" push to abolishing "Good Friday". Mr Colm Lambert advised, when I phoned him on Wednesday 31/3/2021 at 12 noon, that because of lack of energy from Air Pollution the night before, on Tuesday 30/3/21, I was unable to work on this Submission that day, but if I sent it as soon as possible, it would be accepted. I am trying to finish it today on "Good Friday" and to get in to the Post. I strongly object to having to type this Submission on "Good Friday" as I would normally be "Following the 'Way of the Cross' between 12 noon and 3 pm. "On Good Friday Christ was crucified on Mount Calvary and died nailed to the Cross ... "To redeem us by his sufferings and death".