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					<p>raising these issues through various means including emails, meetings, telephonic conversations, site visits & media contributions.</p> <p>My complaints are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. stench of rotting rubbish caused by non-containment of fumes in the sorting area of the plant, to note that following assurances, that all apertures in said processing area are being kept closed & duly supervised, provided by a Wasteserv official during a site visit with a representative of the Ombudsman (with whom I still have an open case re the stench being emitted from the plant) I duly provided within just 2 days of said site visit photographic evidence of transgressions of said policy with large apertures being kept completely open for hours on end. 2. stench of toxic fumes caused by fumes from the tanks especially in the early hours of the night resulting my family & myself being woken up barely unable to breathe or even to open our windows even in the midst of our lengthy summers. 3. the fact that after more than 3 years of opening up a case with the Ombudsman ER/43/17 re said inconveniences being caused by the plant to myself & my family, this case remains unsolved. 4. the fact that even though I had raised risk issues with the Wasteserv management & specifically in person in a meeting with the CEO & up to a few days prior to the massive fire which occurred in 2017, many of these risks remain unresolved (risks highlighted at the time included a very low boundary wall, efficient fire fighting measures etc) 5. the fact that despite having raised risk issues plant was allowed to continue to operate & even suffering at least 2 other minor fires in 2017 6. the fact that despite having provided photographic & other evidence to the magistrate carrying out the inquiry re the 2017 fire & being verbally promised to 	<p>odour and other monitoring for emissions to air in accordance with applicable national and European legislation. Such monitoring shall take place when the activities which should be generating such emissions are ongoing in order to ensure that the ensuing results are related to the onsite activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. This renewal and variation application includes a revised Emergency response plan and a follow up status update by two independent engineers describing the improvements made to date and those that are planned to the emergency response system. The permit being proposed shall also include conditions in this regards, some of which as provided and shall be enforced by the Civil Protection Department itself. 5. Regarding the report made with the Ombudsman ERA notes your comment. 6. Regarding the two other minor fires in 2017, the Authority is not aware of these, and the scope of the permit is to ensure the proper management of waste and avoid such fires. Independent consultants have also been engaged to ensure that operations as such that these are avoided. 7. Operational changes have been implemented to further abate the issue of odours. 8. The site is covered by a number of development permits as described in the application. The location of any adjacent developments is regulated by development permits from the Planning Authority. The Environmental Resources Authority regulates activities which could generate emissions through Environmental Permits. 9. Other Regulatory Consultees including the Civil Protection Department, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority and the Environmental Health Directorate have also assessed this applicant and provided feedback and/or suggested conditions depending on their remit. 10. In relation to incidents which have taken place at other facilities operated by Wasteserv, the investigations pertaining to these are being tackled as part of the applications and permit obligations to which the said facilities are subject to. 11. The permit would include conditions on noise generating activities. 	

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					<p>be called to testify under oath, I am still awaiting such call, with the inquiry, to my knowledge still inconclusive.</p> <p>7. The fact that despite having received written assurances by the then CEO of Wasteserv just days prior to the fire in 2017 that risks assessments including fire fighting measures being carried out, fire still took weeks to contain with toxic smoke emitting from the remains for more than 6 weeks after said incident. Residents in this period were left in abeyance with my self having to call the fire protection services multiple times to deal with the ensuing fires continuously rekindling from the ashes.</p> <p>8. that despite shifting blame re stench on the adjacent water treatment plant by Wasteserv officials it is only when the organic waste material is not being processed in the Wasteserv plant as at present that we can truly say that area is free of mentioned stench.</p> <p>9. the fact that the plant is too near existing & increasing residences in the immediate area thereby affecting hundreds of residents on a daily basis. On those days when the stench is a major occurrence it literally affects the whole village of Marsaskala thereby thousands of residents.</p> <p>10. the fact that a petrol station has been approved, despite immediate residents' objections, just opposite the plant thereby exponentially increasing the risks in case of fire. To note also the Enemalta equipment in same area that is at risk, as evidenced in the 2017 fire.</p> <p>11. the fact that Wasteserv health & safety record is at best patchy as evidenced by the multitude of incidents suffered on site including the latest at the Marsa plant thereby rendering any assurances provided by the company baseless. Pls also refer to internal audit in 2013 on a major incident to one of the tanks.</p> <p>12. the fact that inconveniences caused by the stench is confirmed by other residents through social media &</p>	<p>Replies to complaints nos. 4 and 7 are to be provided by the applicant.</p>	

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					<p>complaints addressed to local council.</p> <p>13. the fact that maintaining an organic recycling plant with tanks containing gases adjacent to storage & processing of other recyclable materials as plastic is incoherent of any safety reasoning (as evidenced by the fire of 2017)</p> <p>14. the fact that noises emitted from the plant are adding to the inconveniences to immediate residents.</p> <p>In view of the above I truly ask from the officials who will be deciding on the reactivation of the organic waste treatment in the St Antnin Recycling plant to refuse such application & to keep us residents safe from the dangers & inconveniences listed above. Our health is effectively in your hands. At this point in time & in view of the hundreds of emails & other material in my possession I will not be including such in my representation however will duly do so if required & will be also available to provide in person testimony if called to.</p>		
3.	9 th November 2020	Joanne Galea	ERA website submission	Automatic acknowledgment on the 9 th November 2020	<p>The recycling plant has been an inconvenience to the Marsaskala residents for far too long. It should not have been there in the first place. Too close to residents. It is a health hazard and we have suffered nasty smells from the plant for many years. It should be closed down.</p>	<p>ERA has verified that the installation is covered by all necessary development permits as confirmed by the Planning Authority through the Regulatory Consultation process.</p> <p>The proposed renewal and variation shall again include conditions regarding environmental health and nuisance as required by the Environmental Health Directorate. Odour generating activities shall take place within contained conditions and adequate are filtration systems. Monitoring of emissions is also being required in accordance with applicable Best Available Techniques in accordance with The Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (S.L.549.77). Monitoring of odour and noise emissions shall take place from the nearest sensitive receptors such as residences.</p>	<p>The scope of the application is to renew the permit for operation of the site, introducing various improvements as required by updates in legislation – principally the new Best Available Technique documents issued in 2018, which includes provisions relating to both management of odours and emissions abatement.</p> <p>It should be noted that the plant has never ceased operations.</p>

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4.	9 th November 2020	Pietro Lombardo	ERA website submission	Automatic acknowledgment on the 9 th November 2020	This plant emits stinky and toxic fumes that are felt by the whole Marsaskala population. You're going to put in danger the life of thousands of people living there if you reactivate this plant.	<p>The application being made is not seeking the renewal of the plant which will ensure that a legal framework is in place for operational to be carried out in accordance with the required European legislation.</p> <p>The proposed renewal and variation shall again include conditions regarding environmental health and nuisance as required by the Environmental Health Directorate.</p> <p>Odour generating activities shall take place within contained conditions and adequate are filtration systems.</p> <p>Monitoring of emissions is also being required in accordance with applicable Best Available Techniques in accordance with The Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (S.L.549.77). Monitoring of odour and noise emissions shall take place from the nearest sensitive receptors such as residences.</p>	<p>The scope of the application is to renew the permit for operation of the site, introducing various improvements as required by updates in legislation – principally the new Best Available Technique documents issued in 2018, which includes provisions relating to both management of odours and emissions abatement.</p> <p>It should be noted that the plant has never ceased operations.</p>
5.	9 th November 2020	Conrad Aquilina	ERA website submission	Automatic acknowledgment on the 9 th November 2020	<p>This plant has done incredible damage to the Marsaskala locality, both from an environmental and social aspect. It fails to be transparent about its workings. It fails to explain why the stench at specific days and times. It is a shame of an operation.</p> <p>Permitting its expansion is pure disrespect towards locals, residents, and anyone with interest in bringing back glory to our town.</p> <p>Please, be reasonable, and stop this.</p>	<p>The proposed renewal and variation does not include an expansion but the removal of the former mechanical recovery facility with the replacement of a significantly smaller scale one. It also includes the operation of a dedicated chemical storage area as covered by its development permit including a fire, safety and ventilation report.</p> <p>Both the current and the proposed permit include conditions about the setting up of a monitoring committee between ERA, the operator and representatives of the local council which is intended to meet on a bimonthly basis to discuss compliance with the IPPC permit and other environmental issues related to this installation.</p> <p>Odour generating activities shall take place within contained conditions and adequate are filtration systems.</p> <p>Monitoring of emissions is also being required in accordance with applicable Best Available Techniques in accordance with The Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (S.L.549.77). Monitoring of odour emissions shall take place from the nearest sensitive receptors such as residences. The permit shall also require certain activities to be carried out within certain hours of the day.</p>	<p>The scope of the application is to renew the permit for operation of the site, introducing various improvements as required by updates in legislation – principally the new Best Available Technique documents issued in 2018, which includes provisions relating to both management of odours and emissions abatement.</p>
6.	9 th November 2020	Keith	ERA website submission	Automatic acknowledgment on the 9 th November 2020	The fire which broke out a few years ago is a clear example why this permit should be refused. The plant should be closed down and the residents' health should be given priority.	This renewal and variation application includes a revised Emergency response plan and a follow up status update by two independent engineers describing the improvements made to date and those that are planned to the emergency response system. The permit shall also include conditions in this regards, some of which as provided and shall be enforced by the Civil Protection Department (CPD) itself. Besides, ERA other regulatory consultees such as the CPD and the Environmental Health Directorate assessed this application and	This application includes a revised Emergency Response Plan and status updates by two independent engineers describing the improvements implemented and planned updates to the emergency response system.

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						provided conditions for inclusion in the permit according to their area of competence.	