



Submission

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Application

Applicant:	Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company
Reg. No.:	P0040-03

See below for Submission details.

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Annmount
Christendom
Co Kilkenny

9th August 2022

Re: Proposed License P0040-03 - Anglo Beef Processors

I refer to the application above and I object in the strongest terms to this application to increase the capacity from 375 tonnes per day to 600 tonnes per day.

ABP has ridden roughshod over the rights of people to have a proper level of air quality with their pollution of the air for years now. The stench that emanates from the plant on a daily basis is sickening and the impacts on one's enjoyment of one's property depends on the wind direction of the day.

The authors of the environmental impact studies have not had to live in the vicinity of this plant and suffer the daily air pollution and rather rely on scientific models in their justification. The plant should be closed down now and not just be prevented from expansion.

The application is factually incorrect. The application states that the raw materials that are transported ie guts and carcasses, are in sealed containers. I drive behind these trucks on a daily basis and many of these are merely covered with tarpaulins with liquids flowing from the trucks. The smells are unbearable. I took a picture which I attach, of an animal's ear with tag attached on the road adjacent to the plant. How did this suddenly appear from a sealed truck? Trucks are backed up the roadway when they are going to a different part of the plant. In an article in the Waterford News and Star a couple of years ago pictures of animal remains which fell out of a truck opposite the school on the Abbey Road were shown. The children were exposed to this environmental hazard including the disgusting smells. How could this have happened if the trucks were sealed?

If you drive behind trucks on the dual carriageway on the way to Christendom with their loads or back towards Waterford after unloading, the smell is unbearable. This is what the residents and tourists in the area including the users of the New Ross to Waterford Greenway have to tolerate. Councils are investing millions for the Greenway project only to be faced with this one company polluting the air that we breathe. Indeed, the City of Waterford gets engulfed by the smells and is becoming a too-regular event.

I am not satisfied that the EPA has been taking this seriously since the licence was first granted to Waterford Proteins in 1997. Years ago, people had to put up with this kind of behaviour but thankfully we have planning and environmental laws to stop this. This operation should be in a very remote area and not in a built up population area. People have put up with a lot over the years but tend not to complain. However, fair is fair, and people should no longer put up with this operator who has shown nothing but contempt for the people of South Kilkenny and Waterford City.

I was advised years ago that there were millions being spent installing the thermal oxidiser and there would no longer be smells. This clearly did not work. In addition, there are two holding tanks across the road on the river side and the smell emanating from these on a daily basis is disgraceful. These tanks are not even sealed but only have tarpaulins on them.

The other issue is of noise. At certain times of the night, in particular, the noise emissions are akin to a jumbo jet on a low path overhead and I do not think the EIS has taken this into account. This should not be happening late at night.

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