



Submission

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Application

Applicant:	Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company
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See below for Submission details.

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Subject: Re ABP (Waterford Proteins) Register No : P0040-03 objection to Licence Renewal

To the relevant person dealing with Objections to the licence renewal of :
Allied Beef Processors Ireland (Waterford Proteins)
Unlimited company
Register No : P0040-03

To Minister Catherine Martin Minister for Tourism
To Minister Eamon Ryan Minister For The Environment
To Stephen Donnelly Minister For Health

To the Mayors of Waterford & Kilkenny

My name is Jim Croke i live in the [REDACTED] in Ferrybank at the rear of the estate adjacent to Fiodh Mór and beside the greenway .

I am writing to object to the Licence Renewal for :
ABP (Waterford Proteins) rendering plant at at Christendom Ferrybank Waterford on a number of reasons that have been an issue long term regarding the plant.

1 : regarding my personal right to clean unpolluted air under EU Clean Air for Europe (CAFÉ) Directive.

As a resident formerly of Killaspy and now Belfield the pungent odour that comes from ABP (Waterford Proteins) rendering plant has been a source of issue for my entire life, but as a permanent resident of Belfield I have has to block the air vents in my home to stop the smell coming into my home. I'm a large dog owner and walk the countryside daily, so as an outdoors person I can conform that the smell is identifiable up to the Milepost area, Gyles Quay area, Abbey Park, Rockshire Road, Golf Links, the Quay in Waterford City, Newtown & Ardkeen area.

2 : Abbey College and Student Life - I have nieces & Nephews and relations attending Abbey Community College - they are consistently subjected to the smell coming from the plant and also from trucks that pass during the day releasing a sickening smell that causes nausea on a daily basis, it cannot be ignored such is the level of the pungent cent being released via the plant and the transport associated with the plant , our children in ferrybank deserve the right to attend school and study, but on Warm and Hot days when classrooms keep windows closed this should show you the level of continued harm this plant causes to residents in our Area

3 Traffic - if you haven't ever been caught behind the trucks entering or exiting the plant then you won't know directly , Ferrybank entry to Waterford, via fountain st and Dock Road is heavily congested due to footfall entering the city and exiting due to work and shopping, the Abbey Park Road also due to the Girls Primary School and Abbey College
When a truck is on this route its like being kicked in the nose with the worst stench of rotting flesh and it is sickening to experience.

4 Tourism - I have personally witnessed Tourists cycling in ferrybank Almost vomit due to the smells coming from the plant and trucks , with the greenway currently being finished and promoted as a great outdoor activity for Family & Tourists - the South East linking Waterford to Newross - nothing will harm Waterford Ferrybank & Greenway image more than being brought to the point of vomiting on the ground due to the continued operations of the plant

Welcome to the Waterford NewRoss Greenway - please carry a "Sick Bag" with you to protect our footpath and Greenway surface"

"Keep Ferrybank Clean - Carry a Vomit Bag when starting your Journey on South East Greenways"

Retirement Homes

There are 3 retirement / Nursing homes in Ferrybank all of whom carry a significant number of elderly people who have contributed to building our community - they deserve the right (Some with mobility restrictions) to enjoy the outdoors and open windows for fresh air in their living quarters.

Is this how we sell tourism in the South East ?

and for some time we have been seriously concerned about the air quality, water quality and environmental health impacts of the practices conducted at the ABP plant in Ferrybank.

The obnoxious smells emanating from the ABP rendering facility are horrendous and could not be healthy for those inhaling them. There are definitely occasions when the plant processes are sub-standard, equipment malfunctioning or regulations by-passed given the obnoxious odours that fill the air – I cannot believe that an organisation could be in compliance with environmental or health regulations given the terrible odours that can pollute the air on occasion. In calm weather or late at night, horrendous heavy emissions linger and do not disperse for some time. I have had to close windows and keep my daughter indoors rather than expose any of our family to the noxious smell. I request that the EPA investigate practices at the plant, appreciate the anxiety and upset such toxic odours cause to local residents and seriously consider whether it is appropriate for such toxic and industrial practices should be conducted adjacent to a high-density residential area.

For far too many years ABP (Waterford Proteins) had been allowed to operate with immunity as we the local residents suffer nauseating lives for their profit margins and the time had arrived for the EPA to protect the Air Quality and Quality of life for Ferrybank residents, to protect our children's right to undisturbed education and to protect local authorities and local businesses Investments into Tourism.

Therefore I object to the renewal of the licence for this plant to continue to operate and continue to pollute our air quality in Ferrybank and further.

I trust the residents will have the support of all contacted on the matter above

Sincerely Yours
Jim Croke



