



### Submission

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### Application

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

See below for Submission details.

Attachments are displayed on the following page(s).

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Proposed License P0040-03 - Anglo Beef Processors**

I refer to the application above and as a resident who lives close to the plant I strongly object to any increase in their capacity. I firmly believe the meat plant should not be based in the middle of a highly residential area. I will outline the reasons for my objection.

**Air Odour and Quality**

The stench from the anglo beef processing plant and the trucks going to and from the plant is putrid. In this day and age we should be able to enjoy the outdoors and go for a walk without having to cover our noses and mouths walking up and down Abbey Road. My young children enjoy going to the forested walk up towards the Athenaeum nursing home but this is something we often cannot do due to the stench in the area. Even when driving if I am unlucky enough to be behind one of the trucks the stench in the car is grotesque.

**Trucks driving to and from the plant**

The trucks coming to the plant are not covered correctly. I have seen on several occasions guts on the road and my children have often asked questions about this. I really don't think its appropriate for young people to have to witness animal guts being strewn across the road. There are two schools on Abbey Road and school children have been witness to this. The amount of traffic from trucks and tractor/trailors is high- Abbey Road is a small narrow road and the trucks take up most of the road. I would also like to point out the speed which some of the trucks go particularly when turning into the factory road. I have often been crossing that road with my kids when trucks have veered in without paying attention. The speed some of the trucks do coming down that factory road too is a worry and an accident waiting to happen. There is not sufficient infrastructure in place to safely allow the traffic the plant brings. The thought that the application for a rise in output could possibly be accepted is absolutely obscene and totally unsafe for local residents.

**Level of staff and issues related to this**

I implore staff from the EPA and managers of the plant to walk from the plant down the factory road and Abbey Road to witness the obscene amount of rubbish that is discarded from the staff who work in the plant and walk up and down the road. When going for a walk early in the morning I have been witness to many ABP staff discarded rubbish on our roads without a second thought. The lovely forested walk up to the nursing home is strewn with rubbish. Also the staff using bicycles and scooters (which they are much entitled to use) also cause an issue as the road is too small to overtake anyone on a bike or scooter. At peak times this causes tail backs which in turn causes some drivers to react dangerously. I shudder to even think how our area would even be more strewn with rubbish if there is an increase in output at the plant.

**Gases and toxins omitted from the plant**

I would like to know if there has been any research done here in Ferrybank on our air quality and the safety of these toxins coming from the ABP plant? I know that research has been carried out in other countries where there are rendering plants with worrying results.

**Why is this allowed to continue .....**

Finally I would really like to know why ABP are not planning to relocate their plant to an appropriate non residential area with the help and encouragement from public bodies? In this age where our

environment is becoming more and more important why is it allowed to continue polluting our area? Why is it allowed to continue to drive people back indoors due to not being able to tolerate the stench? Why is it allowed to continue to have trucks not covered properly racing down our roads? Is it fair that Ferrybank residents can't dry their clothes outside because of the odour from the meat plant? Is it fair that school going children in Ferrybank are exposed to animal body parts and guts when going to and from school? Is it fair that Ferrybank residents can't enjoy a walk without covering their noses and mouths? Is it fair to our local children who can't enjoy playing in our greens without being exposed to such odours? Is it fair that ABP appear to be doing nothing to prevent their staff from continuously throwing rubbish on our streets and green areas?

I thank you for your time in reading my submission against ABP and I really hope that the EPA will help us to put a stop to this.

Kind regards,

Maria Jensen