



### Submission

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## **To Whom It May Concern**

I'm sending in a submission against the renewal of the licence for the ABP Rendering plant in Ferrybank, due to a number of concerns I've had since first moving to Ferrybank to live.

For years people (myself included) have been complaining of the strong smell. I'd like to say it's mild, however it's a severe and sickening stench.

There were many residents' meetings held in Ferrybank down through the years. Many of us expressed our concerns about the situation. However, our voices were never heard. I personally found this very frustrating.

The smell is so bad that you'd need to close all of the windows and vents in order to try and stop it coming into the house. Even having done that, the smell is still in the house. It's sickening. In my opinion, having to close all of the windows and vents is dangerous as we have gas heating and you are risking carbon monoxide poisoning.

Also, when the smell is there, you can't put out any washing on the line and you certainly can't go outdoors, as you'd vomit because the stench is so bad.

The smell often lingers for hours. I can't see how this could be healthy? In my opinion its toxic. I have a medically diagnosed lung condition and I also suffer from asthma attacks, so I can't risk being outdoors when the smell happens. Surely the regulation standards are not being met for the residents living in the different Ferrybank estates? I'd imagine that it's a health and safety breach too? I'd challenge anyone to come and live here for awhile and not be affected by it.

In my opinion, we have no quality of life here in Ferrybank because of this rendering plant. What I can't understand is that this plant is processing dead animal parts unfit for human consumption. It also processes animals which died of various diseases. The plant also has an incinerator. It should be moved to an area such as Belview Port which is well away from our populated area. There are nearly 5,500 people living here.

Now we hear that they are also looking to increase their intake by 60%. The situation is going from bad to worse.

The trucks bringing the body parts to the plant are a disgrace. The stench is really bad from them. There's no way that this should be allowed. Body parts including guts often fall from the trucks and the smell lingers for hours afterwards. The photo below shows an example of the mess caused on the road when this happens. If you zoom in on the photo you can see where the meat from the animal is crawling with maggots. It's disgusting. This often happens on the road outside our girls' school and the Abbey Community College.



The trucks are not sealed properly at all. They are only covered on top with tarpaulin. When the trucks turn off of the main road towards Abbey Road, they often lose part of their load. They are not water tight and foul-smelling odours seep out onto the road. Just past that turn off there are two schools. The roads are too narrow for these heavy-duty trucks and it's a wonder that no one has been killed up to this point. We really need the EPA to properly monitor this rendering plant. We have been putting up with this situation for far too long.