



Submission

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Application

Applicant:	Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company
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EPA Notification – License application / review – EPA043322
Anglo Irish Beef Processors, Proteins Plant, Christendom, Ferrybank, Waterford

Submission on behalf of the elected members of Waterford Metropolitan District Council.

The Elected Councillors of the Waterford Metropolitan District Council wish to record their very serious concerns about the adverse impacts on Waterford City of the current operation of the ABP Plant at Christendom, Ferrybank, the ongoing lack of effectiveness of the emissions monitoring regimes in place and objects to the planned expansion of the capacity of this plant.

Since the plant commenced operations some years ago it has frequently been and continues to be the source of significant foul odour nuisances in Waterford City giving rise to ongoing public representation and complaint.

Foul odours from the plant are a relatively frequent occurrence in large parts of Waterford City and the impacts are particularly severe in the eastern parts of the City given the close proximity of the plant (less than 1km) to Waterford City centre, University Hospital Waterford, six schools (national and secondary) in the Newtown area and the densely populated residential areas on the Dunmore Road in the City.

This nuisance is particularly apparent during periods of light winds and calm conditions when the foul odours can remain over significant parts of the City for days at a time.

These odours are adversely impacting on the quality of life for people working and living in these areas and are damaging to Waterford's tourism and visitor reputation.

The Council is of the view that the current monitoring and control of emissions from the plant are grossly inadequate and that these need to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

The Council also has serious concerns regarding the transportation of material to the plant and has received numerous complaints concerning the apparent careless handling of waste material being transported to the plant on the public roads through the residential areas close to the plant.

This is resulting in excessive foul odours from vehicles which are inadequately covered or sealed and from the apparent overloading of vehicles giving rise to spillages of decaying and rotting materials on to the public roads with the consequential nuisance and public health risks.

In this context, the Council wish to re-iterate their opposition to the proposed expansion of the plant's capacity and would ask that the deficits with respect to the emissions from the plant be addressed urgently.