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Application

Applicant:	Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company
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From: [Anne Harpur Architects](#)
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Subject: Re: Applicant Name: Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company Register Number: P0040-03
Date: Tuesday 30 August 2022 17:53:03

Re: EPA Notification – License application / review – EPA043322
Anglo Irish Beef Processors, Proteins Plant, Christendom, Ferrybank,
Waterford

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to record my serious concerns about the impacts on the surrounding areas of the current operation of the ABP Plant at Christendom, Ferrybank and as a result, I object to the planned expansion of the capacity of this plant.

I became aware of the adverse impacts of this plant when I was working on projects, as an Architect, in the Christendom and Ferrybank area over a period of a few years. Foul odours from the plant appear to be a relatively frequent occurrence which severely impacted the quality of life of my clients at the time, given the close proximity of their homes to the plant.

It is particularly concerning for the neighbouring community that the lives of their children are impacted when the nuisance is particularly apparent during periods of light winds and calm conditions when the foul odours can remain in the air. It should be noted that six schools both national and secondary within the Waterford area are effected by the emissions from this plant.

I have serious concerns regarding the transportation of material to the plant and the apparent careless handling of waste material being transported to the plant on the public roads through the residential areas close to the plant.

I have personally experienced excessive foul odours from vehicles which are inadequately covered, or sealed and from what appears to be the apparent overloading of vehicles accessing the plant. I understand from recent media reports that these transportation practices have given rise to spillages of decaying and rotting materials on to the public roads, which must have been shocking to witness for the neighbouring public, as well as presenting serious public health risks.

The current location of the ABP plant in Christendom is completely inappropriate from the perspective of current proper planning practice, given its close proximity to sensitive areas, such as densely populated residential areas, schools, Waterford City centre and University Hospital Waterford. For the proper future sustainable development of Kilkenny County and Waterford City, it is essential that this plant be located to a more suitable industrially zoned location.

It would appear that the current monitoring and control of emissions

from the ABP plant are completely inadequate and that these inadequacies need to be addressed as a matter of urgency. I would therefore call on the EPA to use this opportunity to restrict the continuation of the operation of the ABP plant in its present location and to strongly prevent the operation to expand its facilities in the Christendom, Ferrybank area now, or in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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