



Submission

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I would like to strongly object to the renewal of the ABP rendering plant's license and also to their application to increase production.

To be honest, I wasn't going to bother sending in a submission because although complaints have been made over many years, nothing seems to have changed. I changed my mind however after reading the article published on the Journal.ie recently (Ref: <https://www.thejournal.ie/meat-plant-smells-5850033-Aug2022>). For years we have been told that the rendering plant is fully compliant and are not breaking any laws. I heard the same thing again on WLR FM recently when a community representative was told the same thing. The interviewer said that the radio station had contacted the EPA and had been told that "the plant was fully compliant and not breaking any laws".

I don't think the EPA realises how frustrating it is to have to live with the stench from the plant and the trucks bringing putrid material there for processing, and then to be told that they are operating properly. You'd feel like you were a liar or something.

The article on TheJournal.ie was very interesting and included the following information:

"The agency said it has "verified non-compliant odours" during two inspections this year at the facility in Waterford from a total of six random inspections."

So, it seems that the people living in the vicinity are not wrong after all? Something needs to be done in order to put proper controls on this plant for once and for all. It shouldn't be based so close to such a densely populated area. I've heard the argument many times over the years saying that the plant was there long before the houses. However, I'd like to make the point that given the plant is there, planning permission shouldn't have been passed for the homes in the first place.

Another point I'd like to make is that there will soon be a new Greenway, linking the Greenway at Waterford to New Ross. It will be passing close to the rendering plant. How will Ferrybank or Waterford Council deal with the fact that tourists will be subjected to such a foul stench when using the facility?

In my opinion, it's high time that the plant is moved to a more industrial area like Belview Port.

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