



Submission

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Re – Licence renewal for ABP (Waterford Proteins) Rendering plant at Christendom, Ferrybank.

To whom it may concern,

I have read most of the submissions and they are all accurate. I have been living a few hundred metres from the plant, on and off, since 1989. My house was built circa 1850's. The area was residential long before the factory arrived. I part- purchased/part inherited house in mid 2000's from my mother. In hindsight, a disastrous decision, considering what we are living beside. It's just baffling what is allowed to happen on our doorstep. The influence and the power that the owner of this facility has had over successive governments/local authorities is outrageous. He seems to be above the law.

Our house/setting is absolutely breathtaking, overlooking the river. But our living conditions are appalling. The odours in our yard/house are truly gut-turning. In essence, it's the smell of rotten carcasses being slow cooked/ boiled. In their licence they are in breach, as odours are not permitted to go outside of their boundary. I actually don't think they have full planning/licences for what they are currently doing.

Some impacts on our life. We never have friends over for BBQ, house parties. It's too uncomfortable/embarrassing. Friends can't understand why we don't move. We have had to cancel numerous birthday parties for our young son. His communion was ruined by the stench. We can't put our clothes out on the line, clothes smell and brown markings appear on clothes.

The trucks that arrive with carcasses are rank, Most are not fully sealed. There are regular spillages on the roads. A high number of the trucks also don't display a licence plate on the back, so it can't be reported; I doubt that this is an accident.

We have been lodging complaints for years, nothing happens. In years gone by, not too long ago, it came to our attention that the EPA would call the factory to arrange a date for an inspection. This is for real. The owners / operators of this facility are powerful people, not to be messed with or there will be consequences.

It is an incinerator and if you look at it on Google maps, it is in the middle of the city. It's a crying shame that the people of Waterford are so apathetic to the health and well being of their families and children. There are around 10 schools within 1km of this plant. Are parents really happy with their children breathing in these odours?

There are similar plants to this one all over the world, some also in cities. The difference is the other plants run them efficiently and professionally. The technology is there for there to be no odours whatsoever. There is an investment to be made though which this facility refuses to pay. Guess what, it's ALL about MONEY. It's similar to the film Erin Brockovich. Kilkenny Co CO, the EPA and the Plant have blood on their hands. They are ALL negligent and should be ashamed of their roles in decades of inaction, incompetence and bowing down to big fat cats.

In summary, not only do I wish for the plan to increase production, I would suggest that the plant be moved to a new, state of the art location. For the health and well-being of thousands of Irish citizens living close by, shut the Ferrybank facility down. They are breaching Irish & EU laws.