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Application

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| Applicant: | Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company |
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To Whom it May concern,

I am in absolute objection to renew the APB rendering plant's license and their application to increase production. An EPA representative was here at the beginning of June and witnessed, first hand, the smell that oozed out of that factory first hand. That in itself would and should be enough to eradicate operations in this plant and move the whole plant somewhere else.

The plant is located close to farms and houses nearby occupied by families, children, elderly who pay taxes and thus have a right to a clean environment. The factory might claim that the houses were developed after the factory but the city, across the river, also feels the effects of the factory and historical facts are, Waterford City is an ancient one dating back to the Vikings over a thousand years ago.

There are several problems associated with this factory:

- 1) The trucks carrying the waste emit this potent putrid smell everytime they drive down the road. Unidentifiable objects keep falling out of these trucks. Add to the problem that the trucks drive down that road as if they were in a Formula 1 race.**
- 2) The employees at both the processing plant and the rendering plant are quite known to be polluters themselves. If you stand by the factory at 5 pm after the shift, you see people biking, walking and throwing cans, chip bags, etc into the side. The forest leading up to the factory is completely littered. During the pandemic, I actually witnessed employees on bikes, with their masks, just throwing the masks onto the sidewalk.**
- 3) The trucks entering either facility double park on the road not allowing anyone to go by. Additionally, without a permit, according to the garda, put barriers by the sidewalk where walking with a baby stroller is absolutely impossible.**
- 4) The stench emanating from the factory forces the residents to close all windows and doors in their house, even during summer, or they must deal with the horrific smell. T**

The City must be protected so that we encourage and promote tourism. We do not want to be known as the smelly city. We must protect our investments, our jobs, our people and above all, our health. The development of the North Quay and the bridge is underway, approved by the city and council. So question, are you approving and spending those funds so that we can all have an equal opportunity to smell the stench? If APB claims they were there first, as they often do, why did the city approve an expansion leading right to the stench?

Increased production will mean more people polluting our streets, more smell, and eventually, more people leaving the area to nicer parts of Ireland to avoid waking up in a "sewer". Maybe the council, EPA and government should read about what happened to Detroit in Michigan in the US. Once a thriving busy city, now almost abandoned, museums shut down because they could not afford to

keep them operating. That is the future of Waterford when people realize they can move farther away and enjoy watching their children play outside, do sports, exercise, have barbecues and family time in the beautiful Irish countryside. APB should be moved to an industrial area. I know that probably this letter will do nothing to improve matters because we all know who the owner is and who he is married to so the political fall out reaches the higher government officials, who look the other way in order to increase their wallets.

Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle for its beauty, its golf courses, its pubs, and above all, the beautiful countryside. Please tell me, when Americans come to visit, what should I tell them about the smell, garbage, noise of trucks in the rendering plant?

I hope you take this letter and all the others seriously. If you plan to allow this to occur I suggest an additional tax credit, you can call it the smell credit, for all residents in Waterford. I for one, if this is approved, plan to move out.

Kind regards,

Cristina Dorhout Mees