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I strongly object to the renewal of the ABP rendering plant's license and also to their application to increase their production. I was shocked to hear that they applied to increase their production by as much as 60%. They can't even contain the foul odours as it is, never mind an increased figure of that level.

In my opinion, there are many issues which need to be corrected with the rendering plant.

1. The continuing foul odours which affects the lives of so many residents throughout Ferrybank and across the river out as far as the hospital on the Dunmore Road. People have been complaining about it for years and nothing has been done to fix it. The area where I live is down by the river and the stench is bad enough down there. It must be shocking for people living in the estates beside it such as Christendom etc.

2. The roads leading to the plant are very narrow, are not at all suitable for such heavy-duty trucks and are a continuous danger to traffic and pedestrians alike. At school collection time it's very congested on the Abbey Road and it's only a matter of time before someone is killed.

3. The trucks bringing the material to the plant are not properly sealed. The stench from them can be overpowering. Because they are not water tight, the juices from the load seeps onto the road and it stays there for hours afterwards. Surely this is a danger to health? Cars have to pull in and stop in order to let the trucks pass. (See photo below.)



4. We have no way of knowing how the air quality is affected by the emissions from the plants incinerator? I'd really like to see regular, independent monitoring of the air quality surrounding the factory. I've complained before and was told that it was only steam going up the chimney. I doubt that very much. If that was the case, why does the plant check for wind direction before emitting the fumes from the plant? If it was 'only steam', surely it wouldn't matter what direction the wind was blowing?

It's high time that the rendering plant was moved out to a more suitable location. Well away from such a highly populated area, so close to schools etc.

At the very least, the plant should be properly monitored and 'non-prearranged' visits carried out on a regular basis. Following that, the plant should be forced under law to clean up it's act and keep it that way.