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11th November 2022

Our Ref: ABP Wpro 0.1/CC/11112022

Your Ref; P0040-03

Dear Ms. Connolly,

The Company would like to comment on the submissions which were received by the Agency in relation to licence review number P0040-03. The submissions contained untruths and misconceptions which the Company would like to clarify in the interest of fairness.

1. The Company are not planning to increase production capacity by 60%. The Company presently have a licence to process a fixed volume of raw material. This capacity will not be increased.
2. The Company did not submit a planning application in 2018 to erect buildings for the purpose of increasing capacity.
3. The Company do not regulate the transport of raw material to this facility.
4. The Company have no involvement or planning in the public road structure surrounding and leading up to this facility.
5. Company employees are not vaccinated for Hepatitis.
6. The Company do not operate an incinerator on site.
7. The Company do not process hazardous waste.
8. The Company do not process or produce toxic waste.
9. The Company do not process BSE positive material.
10. The Company do not bypass regulations.

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11. The Correct method for disposal is adhered to.
12. The Company do not release vapour from the stack when the wind is favourable.
13. The Company is not self-regulated.
14. The Company do not operate or manage blue holding tanks on the riverside.
15. The Company do not discharge wastewater directly to the river.
16. Sewerage pipes have never burst between the rendering plant and the blue tanks.
17. The Company operate within licence parameters for noise.
18. Employees of Waterford Proteins do not discard rubbish on the approach road to this facility.
19. The Company do not have utter contempt for the residents.

The Company notes that some of the submissions have contained details of odour detection in areas up to 5Km from this site whose source have been attributed to this facility. The Company would like to refute these opinions. The Company have requested that any Complainant would contact the Company if an odour were detected. This would enable a Company representative to meet with the Complainant at the odour detection area to identify the source. The Company at the very least would expect to be given the opportunity to identify the source of the odour. The Company were not afforded these opportunities and are disappointed and feel wronged to be labelled as the source.

The Company are major employers in the area. Employees live locally with their families and contribute to the local economy. The Company also support a vast number of local businesses who supply services to this facility and provide an additional local economy boost to the area. The Company support local charities and sports groups in the area to the benefit of the local community. The Company provide an essential service to the food industry including farmers, hotels, restaurants, and businesses which enables them to operate successfully.



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I trust this is to satisfaction of the Agency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Durkan', written over a horizontal line.

John Durkan,

Environmental Manager