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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to the Planning Proposal due to the irreversible damage that it will cause to the environment and quality of life for residents and visitors.

Green Belt land classification and control of such is there for good reasons. The proposed development will destroy this GB parcel of land and all related ecology. Just because previous applications have been approved for the existing site it does not automatically entitle the developers to use that as some kind of excuse to validate further expansion onto GB land. The proposal will be a blot on the landscape and add to the existing sprawling eyesore. Loss of Green Belt will be permanent. It should be protected.

The light and noise pollution from the new process is unacceptable, especially as this will affect a number of local residents and will again have an impact on wildlife. The increase in HGV traffic on site and around local roads will bring its own pollution at a time when we should be reducing road use and cutting back on burning fossil fuels.

Odour control is another hot topic and has been for a number of years. The new process is shown in the reports as increasing the Odour Units in all of the receptor areas. The best practice guidance for benchmarking at 1.5 OU is already exceeded by the existing site and this demonstrates a lack of control and disregard for the concerns of local residents. In fact, it is surprising that the application does not include the Site Complaints Log to demonstrate a trend of root cause and improvement that could be used to support the proposal but maybe that would be damning in its own right. One could only draw the conclusion that such a Log does not read well in light of the odour controls. There is reference to the ABP parent company operating in Ireland, and whilst it may not be the gel bone facility, ABP have had their own issues with odour control complaints in Ireland. It is stated that the Environment Permit will set out odour control to acceptable levels. Well, what is an acceptable level, because if it is the benchmark figure of 1.5 OU then they already exceed it.

I strongly object on a number of issues that will have irreversible detrimental effects upon the local environment and population.

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