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Riverside Park,
Midleton,
Co. Cork,
3rd January 2008-01-03

Dear Sir,

I have a registered fishing boat, C. 138, MFV Three Boys at East Ferry, Midleton. I keep lobsters and crayfish in hampers at East Ferry, under water, until I have sufficient amount of them to sell to a dealer.

For a lot of last summer, early in the morning, I have seen a large brown slick floating in the water at East Ferry. It is suspected by myself and other residents of East Ferry that this slick is caused by Cork County Council pumping sewage or waste At night into East Ferry from their sewage pumping station at Rathcoursey West, 50 meters from the Northern end of East Ferry, which is tidal.

Today, I saw planning notice, undated, on the gate of the Cork County Council at Rathcoursey West, Midleton, applying for a waste discharge licence, MAIN OUTFALL at their Rathcoursey West Sewage pumping station, co ordinates E 186177 and W71791. It appears that all Sewage, or waste sewage from the Midleton area is going to be pumped direct into East Ferry.

As a fisherman, I would object strongly to any such licence being given. I would also point out that Atlantic Shellfish farm at Rossmore, Carrigtwohill, Co.. Cork is within a few hundred meters of the rathcoursey sewage plant. I understand that they are aware of the application, and have had court cases over pollution of their oyster beds.

I would be obliged if you would keep my objection in mind, and I can be contacted easily on the boat mobile..... 087 2681519. Is it possible to ascertain what the % of sewage is in the waste. I wouldn't waste my time contacting Cork County Council speaking from experience.

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