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To whom it may concern,

As a Dublin resident and frequenter of Dublin bay for both boating and diving activities I would like to lodge a formal objection to the granting of a Dumping at Sea Permit to Dublin City Council for the dumping at sea of spoil generated by the proposed Long Sea Outfall Tunnel project. As a Maritime Archaeologist, Oceanographer and Environmental practitioner any move to foul the waters of the bay would have serious consequences on water quality, sea life, could pose a health hazard and runs the risk of damaging potential heritage sites on the foreshore and in submerged locations.

I have been diving in Dublin bay for over a decade and have seen the water quality including surface and subsurface visibility improve vastly after the Ringsend treatment plant came into effect and the foul outflow off Howth Head was closed. This major step in the right direction by municipal authorities has attracted a wealth of sea life into the bay and surrounding areas improving the environmental and wellbeing of water users.

I also note that the The Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht issued a press release recently proposing six new marine sites for designation as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) to protect marine habitats and species

listed on the 1992 EU Habitats Directive. One of the proposed SACs is the area from Rockabill to Dalkey Island - the proposed dumping area in Dublin City Councils application. I suggest that an area proposed for special protection should not be considered for the disposal of spoil that will certainly have an adverse impact under the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (the "OSPAR Convention")

I trust my objection will be duly lodged against Dublin City Councils request.

Many thanks

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