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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached my objection to the application submitted by Dublin City Council for the Disposal of spoil generated by the tunneling of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Works Long Sea Outfall Tunnel commencing early 2014 for a period of 3 years. I will also send a hardcopy by post,

Regards,  
Lucinda

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**Ref: Application submitted by Dublin City Council for the Disposal of spoil generated by the tunneling of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Works Long Sea Outfall Tunnel commencing early 2014 for a period of 3 years**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a formal objection to the above application.

Dublin Bay is an important amenity for many people for both watersports and for people enjoying walking in the area. The water quality has improved in the last number of years and this must be attributed to development of the water treatment plants. This has encouraged people to swim and get involved in water sports and allowed the Dublin area to be awarded blue flags in some areas. While I understand the need to further develop the Ringsend Plant to carry on this great work I object to the way in which it has been proposed that the spoil will be dumped.

The quantity of spoil and frequency of dumping will have an adverse affect on the water quality which will put at risk not only the current level of activity in water sports but also the marine environment. I do not believe that adequate testing has been done to demonstrate that this will not be the case. The tides around the area proposed will disperse this spoil back into the bay destroying the clarity of the water and killing the marine life that has returned to the bay. It would be such a shame to reverse the good affects of the treatment plant over the last number of years.

The Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht recently proposed 6 new marine sites as Special Areas of Conservation in order to protect the marine life. The area from Rockabill to Dalkey Island is one of the new sites. This area has seen dolphins and porpoises in the last few years and we should be encouraging and protecting them. Proposing to endanger this same area by dumping silt and dust from this tunnel appears to be in direct contradiction?

I urge Dublin City Council to reconsider how this spoil is dealt with and put forward a more favourable solution – landfill or at a much greater distance out to deeper sea where there is no risk of it affecting the bay. I believe that any proposal to dump this spoil must also include a detailed account on how this will be regulated and who will regulate it. Can we be sure that if it is agreed that the silt is dumped further out to sea that the operator will adhere at all times to the area proposed? There should also be a condition that the area will be monitored on an on going basis and if there is any adverse affect to water quality in the bay or harm to marine life that the dumping must cease immediately.

I hope that these concerns will be taken into consideration when this application is being examined,

Yours sincerely,  
Lucinda Keogh