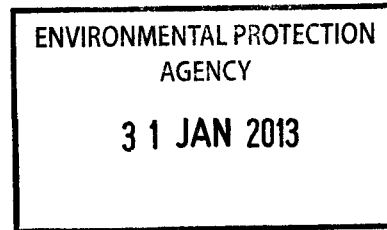


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Re: application by Dublin City Council for Dumping at Sea Point

Dear Sirs

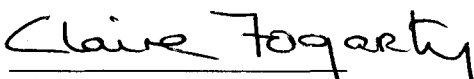
I am writing to you as I am very concerned at the above application and I would be grateful if you would take my objection to it into consideration.

I am a scuba diver who dives in Dublin waters every Thursday evening and every weekend, that I can, during the spring, summer and autumn months. It is beautiful; the visibility is amazing (2012 being the exception), the sea life is just gorgeous (do you know we have a resident Octopus in Sandycove) and I regularly dive with numerous seals. I regard it as an absolute privilege to be able to share their environment with them.

If Dublin City Council (and, regardless of the above address, I am a Dub) get their way they will ruin all of this for everyone. They say it won't have an effect on the waters but of course it will. They want to dump thousands of tonnes of silt and chemicals into Dublin Bay and there is no way the delicate marine life will be able to tolerate this intrusion. These are valuable resources which we must take care of for ourselves and for our children. 3 years of dumping will cause untold damage.

As I'm sure you are aware the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has proposed six new marine sites for designation as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and the area in the above proposal is right in the centre of one of these. How can this be? How can Dublin City Council propose to ruin an area which is considered so precious that it may be given SAC designation? To me this would mean that they have no interest in our environment and certainly not in our marine life. I sincerely ask you to protect it. We simply need to protect that which cannot protect itself.

Kind regards,


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