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The Curragh SAC has been diving in Dublin Bay since 1954 and we simply cannot countenance the prospect of having this dumping activity permitted in such close proximity to the inner bay and the land.

We, as divers, have a unique perspective on the bay and on water quality. In recent years, we have seen the profound improvement in water quality, with a consequent blossoming of sea life, with the opening of the sewage treatment plant in Ringsend.

We are utterly perplexed as to how this dumping activity can even be considered adjacent to Ireland's only designated UNESCO biosphere and several Special Areas of Conservation. There is potential for heavy metals and hydrogen sulphide forming part of the material dumped. The direct effect on water quality and sea life will be enormous and close to immediate while the wider effects on surrounding ecosystems will become apparent in time and when it is too late.

We have strong reservations around any dumping activity but the possibility inside the Burford bank is simply ridiculous.

It is impossible for us to contemplate this ludicrous and destructive plan and I urge you to reject the permit application.

Yours sincerely,

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