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From:
Sent: 31 August 2015 00:00
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Subject: Submission Re: DAS application by Dublin Port Company

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I write to you to express my concern and opposition at the recent proposal of Dublin Port to undertake a dredging project that will see 9.7 million tonnes of dredge waste into Dublin Bay. The sludge is going to be put way too close to the opening of the bay , It should be sent out several miles out into the Irish Sea where where the tides won't re deposit back into the bay.

The silting as I stated in my original objection to the the demand from the port Authority ,52 Acres, is worse now than it was then. If the dredging takes place, I can guarantee that the silting in the bay will only escalate on a faster rate and we will have lost our wonderful asset and the birds a fabulous irreplaceable habitat .

In addition ,
the World's 11th largest cruise ship has visited Dublin Port this year without any complications which raises questions in relation to the need for the proposed ABR (Dublin Port) project and extensive dredging.

On leaving Dublin Port this Cruise ship caused a huge wake which poured over the Southern wall, soaking the walkers there. Had the Cruise ship moved a little faster it may have washed the people off the wall itself. There are two problems here: (1) For safety, might this wall need to be closed down when large ships enter and leave the Port. (2) This huge wave will certainly, in time, take its toll on the integrity of the wall itself, a wall that appears to have some structural problems already. So in the long term, this too will need to be addressed by the EPA as any work in this area affects the wildlife habitat

Why can't Dun Laoghaire take these larger ships, given it has space and availability and it would not be too hard to make relevant changes?

If the Port Authority is allowed to do this dredging at the cheapest cost, the environment will suffer. Seals, the birds, murky water , swimmers and the sea life. We may have protected notices but what happens if the dredging causes the release of hydrogen sulphide or the release of heavy metals just like what happened in Cork . The damage to the environment could be catastrophic .

I remember as a child when the dredgers last were in regular use, the heavy noise emanating from them. I object to the proposal on the grounds if the Port Authority are allowed to dredge continuously day, noon and night, then the noise emanating from the dredging work will make life hell for residents such as myself.

Yours sincerely,

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