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**From:** Licensing Staff  
**Subject:** FW: dumplin at the Burford Bank

From: Justin o'flaherty [REDACTED]  
Sent: 21 March 2016 11:02  
To: Wexford Receptionist  
Subject: dumplin at the Burford Bank

Dear Sir / Madam.

Dublin Port (DPC) proposes to dump over 10 million tonnes of excavated material at the Burford Bank. DPC says that this is part of its Alexandra Basin Redevelopment Project that will allow so called super size cruise liners into Dublin Bay. DPC is an industrialized area and as such, cruisers should be diverted to Dun Laoghaire.

Some of the excavated material will be contaminated with heavy metals such as Mercury. I wish to object to this potential dumping within a Special Area of Conservation--just 3 miles off Howth Head and approximately five and a half miles from The Bull Island.

The quantity of material to be dumped is stated at 5.9 Million cubic Meters. This weighs around 10 million tons. Dumping is planned at 2 million tons a year for 6 years. This is an enormous amount of material. The amount is similar to Croke Park been filled up to the roof 9 or 10 times. Quite simply this is too much for Dublin Bay to bear.

Furthermore the dump site, the Burford Bank, slopes back towards the city. It is in shallow water and thus waves break over it in stormy conditions and wash dumped material back into the Bay and towards the shore line. The heavily contaminated material being excavated for land fill will end up in the lagoon itself. As far as I am aware no studies have been carried out to determine how much of this spoil will be washed back into the bay. This area is one of the most important winter bird feeding grounds in the country. This is a National Biosphere and a Special Area of Conservation and the only one of it's kind in the world that is located in a capital city. Dublin Port seeks to destroy this area to further it's own development. As far as I can recall An Bord Pleanala admits that The S.P.A. will be significantly affected by the dumping.

I strongly object to this proposal and fully expect that The E.P.A. does it's job in protecting our environment by refusing this application.

Kind Regards and please acknowledge receipt.

Justin O'Flaherty  
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