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13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Your Ref:** S0024-01

**Our Ref:** FW 4/23

**Re:** Dumping at Sea application on behalf of Dublin Port Company in relation to Dublin Port and The Alexandra Basin Redevelopment (ABR) Project.

Dear Grainne,

Further to your letters dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, please find below observations from this Department.

It is possible that the extracted spoil material may have an adverse impact on both local and adjacent fisheries resources in the area where it is proposed to dump the spoil.

It is recommended that an independent scientifically-based sampling programme is put in place in order to monitor levels of potentially toxic substances (e.g. heavy metals, PCBs etc) in local and adjacent fish, crustacean and molluscan stocks in the proposed dumping area, both prior to and after dumping.

In principle this Department has no objections to a licence being granted for these works.

Yours sincerely,

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