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Subject: EPA Ref-S0028-01 Dumping at Sea Permit

Dear Madam/Sir,

Fáilte Ireland would like to take the opportunity to make a submission to an application for a Dumping at Sea Permit, **EPA Ref: S0028-01 - Application for Dumping at Sea Permit- Quay Extension, Smooth Point, Killybegs, Co. Donegal.** The attached submission has been prepared by Fáilte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority.

I would be grateful if you could send a reply email acknowledging receipt.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 16th January 2017

Ref: Reg. No. S0028-01 Application for Dumping at Sea Permit- Quay Extension, Smooth Point, Killybegs, Co. Donegal.

A Chara,

I write in relation to the aforementioned Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine Dumping at Sea Permit Application related to the proposed dredging of Smooth Point, Killybegs Harbour, Co. Donegal.

Fáilte Ireland recognises the need for the proposed Killybegs Harbour Centre pier extension project and the tourism benefits this will provide. However, associated with this project is the requirement to dredge Smooth Point and the proposal to dispose of dredged material at sea approximately 6km south of Carrigan Head. It is in relation to the latter that Fáilte Ireland has some concerns.

It appears from reviewing the application that any potential impact on the tourism amenity of the local area, particularly the Donegal coastline and associated activities and amenities located on the Wild Atlantic Way, has not been considered. The tourism objectives of Donegal County Council have been referenced in the 'Smooth Pier Harbour Extension Killybegs Harbour Centre (K.H.C) Killybegs, Co. Donegal. Assessment of Impact on the Receiving Environment'. However there has been no further consideration of potential impacts on tourism or the tourism objectives set out for the area. It is therefore not possible to determine if the proposed development will indeed impact on the tourism amenities of the area for example beaches located along the coastline.

Fáilte Ireland respectfully requests that further information is now provided by the applicant in relation to an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed development of the tourism amenity of the area.

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Although prepared for the purpose of undertaking Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) we enclose here a copy of our *Guidelines for the treatment of tourism in an Environmental Impact Statement*. These Advice Notes contain detailed guidance on how to describe and evaluate the effects arising from a range of projects, including tourism projects and may prove useful to the applicants when undertaking an assessment for this project.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly,

Yours Sincerely,

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