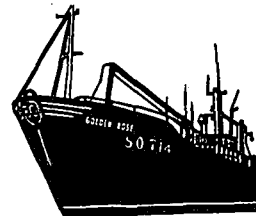


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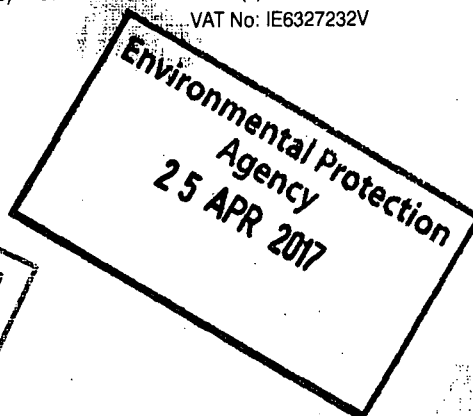
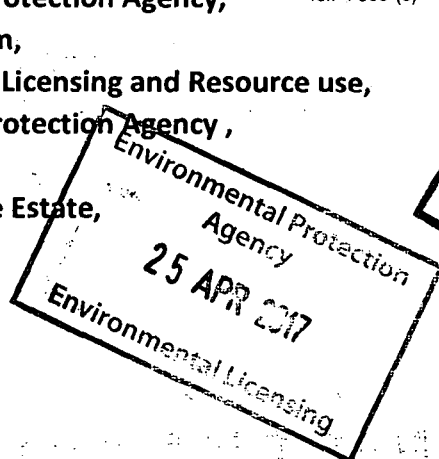
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21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Dear Sir,



Re ; Application submitted by Sligo County Council for disposal of dredge material at sea from capital and maintenance Dredging during the period July 2017 to July 2025

We wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal of dumping gravels and silts for the proposed dredging of Sligo Harbour.

Our principal reason for lodging this objection is that it appears the intention is to dump the spoil dredge material in the open sea. It is our absolute conviction that spoil dredge material from harbour dredging should never be dumped into the open sea.

If spoil Dredge material is dumped at sea, it is completely out of control, can travel far, and cause major damage to the many, many colonies of creatures that live in that sea and sea bed including Crustaceans, Molluscs, Demersal and Pelagic fish, also the many species including breeding species that make up this natural eco-system and habitat.

The waters off the West of Ireland are pristine and represent rich environment for all marine life. This, constitutes the richest fishing grounds of Western Europe and should not be molested in this way. The dredge spoil should be contained ashore and used constructively to improve the facilities at Sligo harbour.

Dumping in the open sea would be an abomination and a travesty of nature and could create serious damage, risk to fish life, fishing and aquaculture in Donegal Bay and surrounding sea area, therefor we object to this proposal in the strongest way.

Yours sincerely,

Tadhg Gallagher  
Director.