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Application

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| Applicant: | Dairygold Co-Operative Society Ltd and TINE Ireland Ltd |
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Dr Laura Burke
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Johnstown Castle
Co Wexford

16th August 2019

RE: EPA Application for an Industrial Effluent Permit no. P1103-01

Dear Dr Bourke,

I am extremely concerned about the proposed discharge into East Ferry and I strongly oppose the EPA granting a licence to Dairygold for the current discharge proposals.

There is a lack of evidence of due consideration of viable alternatives to this discharge proposal, which is unacceptable.

As a child, I swam in the waters of East Ferry and Saleen Creek, outside my home. However, for more than the last 30 years, the water quality has been clearly unhealthy, often with a thick scum on the water, particularly near the shore but also as streaks in open water of the harbour. I do not swim in these waters now due to the very poor water quality. I do continue to canoe in the area and when I do, it is always distressing to see the levels of pollution. A major increase in this pollution was due to Midleton's sewage being piped, almost raw in the past, into East Ferry. The idea of an efficient tidal flush is completely inaccurate, as highlighted by Gordon Reid, David Hugh-Jones and others in their submissions.

It is clear that if there is anything other than clean water pumped into East Ferry, there will be a major impact on the water quality of East Ferry, Saleen Creek, the inner harbour and, although to a lesser extent, all of Cork Harbour. We cannot allow this to happen. Beyond maintaining a clean environment for local residents, the resource that Cork Harbour can and should be as a recreational amenity is not compatible with further degradation of the water quality. The water quality must only be improved.

Apart from this discharge proposal, I fully support the development of the Dairygold operation in Mogeely, as long as this takes due consideration of local residents' concerns.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to make a submission on this application.

Kind regards,
Malachy Harty