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We, a family of 2 adults and 2 young children living in the Rathcoursey area for the past 10 years strongly object to Dairygold Co-Operative Society Ltd and TINE Ireland Ltd emitting waste from their facility at Mogeely to an outflow pipe at Rathcoursey.

Tine Ireland Ltd along with Dairygold from the beginning have chosen to turn a deaf ear to the Residents of Cork Harbour, we live in Rathcoursey, the area where this discharge pipe will be emitting its waste from Dairygold. We have never been contacted by Dairygold, before or during their planning and construction of their factory and pipeline! We find the fact that they have laid their pipes, built their factory with no licence from the EPA to discharge and no alternative discharge point should they be refused permission from the EPA, quite unbelievable.

We can see first-hand the detrimental effects of pollution on the water literally in front of us. We can't let our children swim in these waters anymore with the continued visible rise of pollution in the water, and now Dairygold want to add 4 million litres of their waste water daily containing FOG along with Midleton's waste, which is at full capacity, into the inner most reaches of the harbour. Cork County Council along with Irish Water are currently spending millions cleaning the waters of Cork Harbour, it seems very contradictory that Irish Water would recommend the outflow pipe in Rathcoursey to Dairygold as their discharge point, alternatives should be looked at if Irish Water want to achieve a clean harbour. This discharge point is not only between 2 European Protected sites (the Cork Harbour Special Protected area and the Great Island Channel Special Area of Conservation), it is also 14 kilometres from the open sea. Dairygold have stated that this effluent will wash out twice a day on the ebb tides to the open sea and there will be no negative impact on water quality! This is disputed by research carried out by NUI Galway whose studies have shown that the harbour takes up to 70 days to flush out, and is also disputed by every resident living in the area, based on local knowledge. Dairygold have admitted that not all of the effluent can be treated fully, so if NUI Galway are proven to be correct, we can logically assume that it can only further negatively impact on the water quality in this area of the harbour.

Our children enjoy the waters of Rathcoursey on a daily basis (winter and summer) through kayaking, fishing, rowing, general play – we live in an era where it's vital we teach our children of the importance of protecting our environment, protecting the future of our planet, the importance of looking after our wildlife, our seas, we teach them on a daily basis the importance of waste management, the importance of protecting our environment for their future and the future of their children to come, yet here we are **forced** to protest, to beg, to plead with the very people who are supposed to be protecting our environment.

So as parents of young children we ask you the EPA to please not allow further damage to an already badly polluted harbour for the future generation.

Yours sincerely

Jason & Lynda Colbert.