



Submission

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Applicant:	Dairygold Co-Operative Society Ltd and TINE Ireland Ltd
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to object to the granting of licence Application No. P1103-01 (Dairygold TINE effluent discharge).

As a resident of Cobh I would be familiar with that area of the harbour. The EIS is wrong in its conclusion that there will be no significant habitat impact within the SPA. The North Channel of the river, to the west of the discharge point, is quite shallow and wide. A flood tide travels at speed as far as Belvelly and onto the west side of the island filling laterally into side channels and pools. An ebb tide has a much slower flow, due to the bottleneck effect of the East ferry channel, and debris and effluent are discharged onto the mud banks and reed beds. The deposit of effluent in this area is inevitable and will have serious environmental impact on important feeding grounds for waders and other wildlife.

The harbour already bears a heavy nutrient load and watching the deterioration of water quality and habitats such as the North Channel was only consoled by the knowledge that the EPA would finally deal with the issue of sewage treatment in the harbour. I find it incredible that when just as we see an end to that problem we may undo all the good work with this proposed outfall.

The fact that the applicant considered no alternative route and did not consult adequately with local people smacks of arrogance. That this effluent will leave the plant untreated in this day and age is unforgivable. Building the pipeline without full authorisation coupled with an EIS that is factually incorrect, would indicate that Dairygold/ Tine have little regard for the environment or due process and are trying to force the hand of the EPA on the matter.

At a time when people are becoming more environmentally aware, this type of practice does little to change public perception of Ireland's agricultural sectors record on environmental issues.

I would ask the EPA not to undo all your good work in the harbour. Do the right thing and refuse this application.

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Colm Damery