

Statement from Sandymount and Merrion Residents' Association (SAMRA)

DUBLIN PORT 3FM PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Sandymount and Merrion Residents' Association (SAMRA) objects to the proposed hijacking of land on the Poolbeg Peninsula by the Dublin Port Company for the construction of a boiler station and the largest container storage facility in Ireland.

Dublin Port's 3FM development plan proposes to use 20 acres of land (more than 5 times the size of Croke Park) adjacent to an accredited UNESCO Marine Biosphere and an EU Conservation Area noted for its rare and internationally important habitats and species of wildlife, to build a container storage facility and boiler station.

This proposed facility will be visible to tens of thousands of people from the Pembroke Quarter Development, visitors to the area, and residents across Dublin Bay. It is wrong to use this unique finite amenity for storage when there is a city centre housing crisis.

The proposal is also inconsistent with Dublin City Council's Poolbeg West Planning Scheme's vision for the area which is underpinned by three themes:

- CONNECT with the physical, environmental, economic, and social fabric of the city, the bay, and adjoining neighbourhoods;
- CREATE a new sustainable urban neighbourhood that responds to the area's unique location and enhances the enjoyment of local amenities;
- PROTECT the special status of Dublin Bay, the intrinsic functions of the port/municipal facilities, and the amenity of existing and future residents. (Ref: Dublin City Council Poolbeg West Planning Scheme April 2019)

SAMRA is calling for completion of an international comparator study before the footprint of Dublin Port is expanded to establish if the land currently used by Dublin Port per tonne of goods handled per year is as efficient as it could be.

David Turner Chairman of SAMRA said: "This creeping type of port development is not how this unique finite city central resource should be used. It may suit the businesses operating in the port but it is regressive for the needs of the community. 3FM needs to return to the drawing board".

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