



DUBLIN BAY PROJECT HAS DEVASTATED A LOCAL AMENITY – BY DIVERTING SUTTON CREEK

The Dublin Bay Project, hailed as an engineering success which enhanced the Dublin Bay environment, has resulted in a permanent and deteriorating situation in Sutton Creek – and has left the local Sailing Club high and dry at low tide! The deep-water Creek is buried under thousands of tons of sand.

The Environmental Impact Statement stated that “the effect of the works on these recreational activities will be significant for a single summer season”. They were wrong – they failed to anticipate how nature would react to their work.

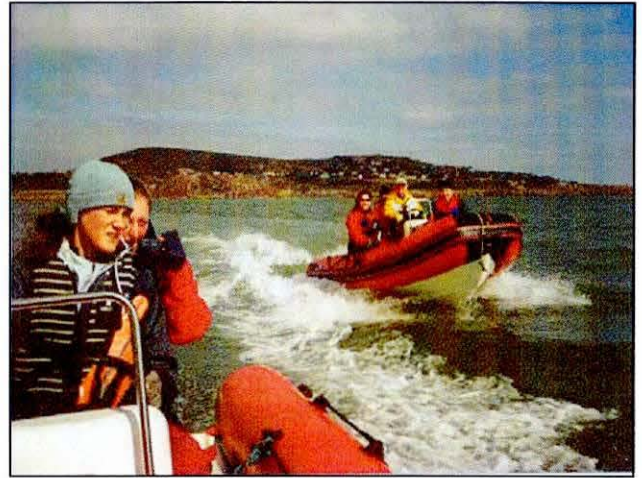
FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, SUTTON CREEK WAS A DEEP-WATER CHANNEL, AND FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS HAS PROVIDED MOORINGS FOR SUTTON DINGHY CLUB TO ACCESS THE BAY AT ALL STAGES OF THE TIDE



THE DUBLIN BAY PROJECT HAS LEFT IT HIGH AND DRY – THIS NEEDS ACTION!

- SUTTON DINGHY CLUB WARNED THIS WOULD HAPPEN
- SINCE 2001 THE CLUB HAS ASKED FOR ACTION
- HUNDREDS OF SAILORS HAVE REDUCED AMENITIES
- THE SITUATION IS GETTING WORSE EVERY YEAR
- ACTION IS NEEDED **NOW** TO REVERSE THIS SITUATION

Sutton Dinghy Club is an ISA recognised Teaching Establishment providing sail and powerboat training for adults and children on the sunny side of the Howth peninsula overlooking Dublin Bay. The club organises cruising, training, coaching, racing and social activities throughout the year for hundreds of sailors, most of whom are schoolchildren.



The valuable work of this club in providing recreational access to the Bay has been made significantly more difficult and expensive due to Dublin City Council's failure to restore original tidal flows.

- ***Dredging the pipeline channels created a new channel across the sandbank in Sutton Creek***
- ***The changed tidal flow has caused deposition of thousands of tons sand in the main channel***
- ***The reduced tidal flow in the main channel has allowed the mussel banks unprecedented growth levels***
- ***The disappearance of the deep water channel and larger mussel banks have a severe impact on sailing and training – reducing the hours of access to deep water, and damaging propellers and boats***
- ***Storm wave patterns have visibly changed, bringing dangerous breakers closer to the Club – the devastating damage to the Club sea walls in 2002 may have been aggravated by the new channel pattern***

Dublin City Council have deferred taking action for seven years, hoping (in vain!) that nature would restore the original tidal flows. This situation must be rectified without further delay.

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**SUTTON
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