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Planning Appeal Online Observation

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000692)

Online Observation Details

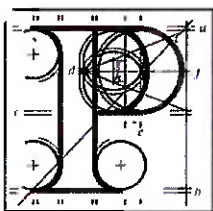
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Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

Your details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

(a) Name

Eugene Sheehan

(b) Address

6, Horsehead, Passage West, Co. Cork, T12KC3H

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

N/A

(b) Agent's address

N/A

Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal process we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this observation, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

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The agent at the address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Cork County Council

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

ABP-312981-22

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

20/06955

(d) Location of proposed development

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Belvelly Port Facility, Marino Marino Point, Cobh, Co. Cork

Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

To The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

25th of March 2022

I am a resident of Passage West, Co. Cork, and I would like to add my observation to support the appeals made on case number ABP-312981-22.

I feel the planner did not take into consideration the impact on the following:

1. A number of residential properties of Passage West, Co. Cork, are only 500 meters in distance from Marino Point jetty.

2. The Natura 2000, SPA and SAC areas will share a boundary with the proposed Gouldings agricultural fertiliser facility. Fota Wildlife and Conservation Park is only 1.4km from the proposed Gouldings agricultural fertiliser facility.

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My concerns are:

1. The Marino Point jetty is closer in distance to the residents of Passage West than that of the proposed Goulding facility, which is 600m from the jetty. This was not considered in the planner's report or the environmental impact statement.

The unique topography of Passage West is like a basin/ amphitheatre. Any noise or reverberation is amplified especially by the water.

When ships are allowed to dock over-night they would have their auxiliary engines running to provide electrical power to their vessels. This low frequency noise is a low throbbing, beating or rumbling sound and would have a major impact on Passage West residents who live in the curtilage of Marino Point. This noise is even more amplified from older ships.

It is important that, not only is high frequency tonal noises to be taken into account but even more so the low frequency ones.

Diesel generators run during night at Marino Point jetty provide additional electrical power to the jetty when vessels dock at night. These can be heard as a low frequency throbbing noise also.

The auxiliary engines on vessels and diesel generators on the Marino Point jetty have not been noted in the environmental impact statement or the planners report.

I have included an email that was sent to the Port of Cork on the 27th of February 2022, including the response from the above said on the 16th of March 2022. Some contact information has been removed due to GDPR.

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On this email it states that the description of the hours of operation are 24/7/365 and there is potential for night-time work with generators running, this differs entirely from the Environmental Impact Statement.

Last year, the residents of Passage West who live in the curtilage of Marino Point experienced an increase in the number of vessels docked at the jetty. Diesel generators on the jetty and ships' auxiliary engines ran all night and had a huge impact on the residents' welfare.

This has been documented by numerous noise reports sent to the Cork County Council Environment Department.

If An Bord Pleanála allows this development to go ahead, strict restrictions should be put in place to protect local residents and the environment from noise pollution.

- Weekday time restrictions when vessels are allowed dock and depart.

When vessels carrying hazard material to Cork Harbour they are escorted by 1 or more tugs. It can take up to one hour to dock a vessel. Planners need to take this type of noise into account, especially if vessels are allowed dock 24/7/365 days a year.

Currently, every 6 weeks, Marino Point accepts a hazard vessel carrying hazardous liquid cargo. Numerous noise report forms have been sent to Cork County Council Environment Department about these vessels arriving at unreasonable hours and off-loading cargo during the night.

- No vessels should be allowed dock overnight.

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

- Restrictions should be put in place that the jetty should not be used during weekends, to allow water users and local residents to enjoy our waterfront.

2. Belvelly Port currently has Marinochem facility operating from this location. According to their website they have the largest bulk storage facility for methanol in Ireland.

Allowing the operation of another heavy chemical industry in this location could have a detrimental effect on our protected area. What measures and controls will be put in place to guarantee fertilisers will not enter the water and dust particles becoming airborne during the bulk off-load from vessels.

I also this would like to add that this area is a Natura 2000 site, SPA and SAC area and Fota Wildlife and Conservation Park is in close proximity. This type of heavy industry should not be allowed in such a protected areas.

Regards
Eugene Sheehan

Supporting materials

From: [L]xxxxxxx **Sent:** Eugene Sheehan 16 March 2022 18:04 [L] **To:** xxxxxxxx
info@belvellyportfacility.ie [L]

Subject: Engagement with Port of a Cork Business Development Support Manager Mr xxxxxx regarding Belvelly Marino.

Good Evening Mr Sheehan,

I hope you are well.

Thank you for your e-mail regarding Goulding Chemicals Limited; and additional port operational use of the jetty to facilitate cargo vessels. The Port of Cork takes these queries very seriously. In fact, the port has carried out noise monitoring on many occasions when vessels have been alongside this facility and have not been in breach of noise regulations.

This facility will be treated along the same lines as our existing facilities whereby The Port will strive to serve all our customer needs, whilst also ensuring we continue to do our utmost to avoid causing a nuisance to neighbouring residential areas. The Port of Cork is a 24/7/365 operating port and this will continue for all operations in Belvelly Port Facility.

However, generally our port customers request cargo operations during the day. Occasionally, when the demands of shipping schedules or inclement weather dictates that 24hr working is necessary in order to turnaround vessel's and ensure supply chains functions appropriately. For this reason, berthing and departure of vessels will be scheduled at any time, this is also necessary to manage overall port wide traffic movements and ensure we have enough resources (Pilots, Tugs & Mooring teams) to support all areas in a scheduled manner.

This is currently the situation in all port facilities. If there is any activity

outside of normal hours, I will as always out of courtesy notify the local community in advance.

In relation to your query regarding generators running on the facility overnight - vessels have their own generators onboard.
Occasionally there may be the need to run generators on the quay if required.

The Port will certainly work with all Belvelly Port Facility shipping customers via our Environmental Manager, Harbour Masters Department and myself Community Liaison to ensure they engage in best practice as we do in other facilities.

If I can be of any other assistance, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you & I hope you have a great St. Patricks day.

Kind regards,

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Business Development Support Manager.

Port of Cork Company,

Barnahely,

Ringaskiddy,

Co. Cork.

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From: [SEP] Eugene Sheehan **Sent:** 27 February 2022 15:32 [SEP] **To:** xxxxxxxxxxxx
info@belvellyportfacility.ie [SEP]

Subject: Engagement with Port of a Cork Business Development Support Manager Mr xxxxxxxx regarding Belvelly Marino.

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Passage West
Co. Cork
27th of February 2022

Reference; Planning Number 20/06955, The construction of a new agricultural fertiliser facility for use by Goulding Chemicals Limited; and additional port operational use of the jetty to facilitate cargo vessels.

Cc xxxxxxxxxxxx Passage West Co. Cork
Cc xxxxxxxxxxxx, Cork County Council
Cc xxxxxxxxxxxx, Cork County Council
Cc xxxxxxxxxxxx, Cork County Council Environment Department
Cc Belvelly Marino Development Company

Dear Mr xxxxxxxxxxxx,

With planning permission now granted to Goulding Chemicals subject to any appeal, I am writing to you to start engagement talks with the Port of Cork on how cargo vessels will be managed for this future development.

As per previous correspondence with you last year, you were made aware how the noise from shipping vessels docked at Belvelly Port facility deeply affected the residents welfare within the curtilage of this Port, especially during the night. This has been documented by numerous 'noise report forms' sent in to the Cork County Council Environment Department.

I would like to know the following:-

- Will the port of Cork implement any time restrictions on vessels docking?
- Do they foresee vessels to be docked overnight and allow them to have there

auxiliary engines running during the night?

- I see from the planners report Goulding operations during peak season can run from 07:00hrs to Midnight. Does this mean the Port of Cork will allow vessels to dock prior to 07:00hrs and sail out after midnight once there cargo is off loaded?
- Does Port of a Cork intend to have diesel generators on the dock running during the night to facilitate equipment or vessels that need additional power separate to the grid?

With the level of disruption to our lives last year by a small number of vessels this future development is a huge concern for residents who will be directly affected by it.

We hope the Port of Cork will acknowledge our apprehensions and will implement further measures to protect our homes from the disruptions we experienced last year.

I would also like to thank our local Councillors for there continued support regarding the above matter and have CC them in to this email.

Regards
Eugene Sheehan

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct [fee](#) is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

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