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Dear Sir/Madam,

In 1984 a marina was proposed for Cheekpoint and the Waterford Harbour Commissioner at the time said anything going out in the river there would have a catastrophic effect on the Cheekpoint bar and cause heavy siltation.

A few years later the Harbour Commissioners themselves came along with the proposal to build Gryond's in the river at Cheekpoint and said that these Gryond's would stop the need for all dredging there going forward. However as predicted by Mr. Frank McQuillan (general manager Waterford Harbour Board 1984) and local fishermen, Mr. John Heffernan, Mr. Pat Moran and Mr. Matt Doherty to name a few the situation only worsened and every time they get a new dredging license a siltation problem arises elsewhere in the river, see license request to the EPA dumping at sea S0012-05 view third party documents under LEAP online in license versions. The submission by Woodstown Bay Shellfish Limited for the history of the out of control dredging now required in Waterford Harbour.

I am now told that the dredging application associated with this proposed development is on the MARA website Lic: 230025 and that they now want to increase the primary dredge area at Cheekpoint Lower from 8.4 (HA) to 16.53 (HA).

I am a stakeholder affected by the works carried out in the River Suir at Cheekpoint and as previously was the case (Re: The Gryond's) I have not been contacted directly only hearing of the proposed works second-hand. I own the Rookery Quay and old ebb weir on the foreshore in Cheekpoint, The Quay itself was rendered almost unusable and the weir a National Antiquity as listed and photographed by Athur E.J. Went in 1949 rendered unfishable our livelihood and ancient way of life obliterated, everything that we were told at the time turned out to be false it is now time for people to admit they were wrong and that they and their experts have serious questions to answer in how this river has been managed and how it is going to be managed going forward both ecologically and economically Re the cost of dredging now required.

For the reasons listed above I object to the proposed development and ancillary works as listed in case reference No: OA10 323575

Yours Faithfully,

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