

## Appendix 2. Written Consultation Responses Received



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**Re: Proposal for a New Cruise Berth Facility within Dun Laoghaire Harbour**

**Our Ref.: 14.05.14DN**

Dear Ms Cronin,

- Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new cruise berth facility at Dun Laoghaire Harbour. We would like to draw your attention to a few points.
- Given the proximity to South Dublin Bay SPA, consideration should be given to the presence of roosting wintering water birds on the east and west pier and the potential disturbance during construction and operating phase to these birds.
- Black Guillemots are known to nest in the harbour area and there may be an opportunity to provide additional nest sites by incorporating nest boxes into the west side of the new berth (i.e. on the side not used by mooring ships).
- The dredging is likely to impact on the benthic fauna and habitats/foraging areas of diving seabirds. It would be interesting to find out to what extent seabirds, and in particular Black Guillemots, currently use the harbour and surrounding areas for foraging.
- We would greatly appreciate it if you would keep us informed as the project develops and if you could send us copies of the Appropriate Assessment Screening and the EIA document (email: [casework@birdwatchireland.ie](mailto:casework@birdwatchireland.ie)) as and when they become available.

Yours sincerely,

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