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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make a formal submission in strong objection to the above application (ref MUL240011) concerning site investigations for a proposed deep water port development off the Bremore/Gormanston coastline for the following reasons:

1. Impact on an area of natural beauty and public amenity.
2. The risks to marine water quality and pollution.
3. Destruction of habitats and biodiversity.
4. Unsuitable location due to the requirement for extensive dredging.
5. Archaeological and cultural heritage sensitivity.
6. Coastal processes and erosion risks.
7. Limited economic benefit vs environmental cost.

I don't know if this is proposed by people who just looked at plans or did they actually visit and look at the area they wish to destroy. I've been walking this coast for over 20 years nearly every day and I can't believe you want to destroy it. I was mesmerised the first time I saw gannets plunging into the sea off Bremore Head, baby rabbits trying to get back to their burrow, owls, hawks, flocks of rare birds, seals calling out and numerous baby seals edging towards me or just sitting quietly on rocks where their mothers left them. I got the Merlin app so as I could identify all the beautiful bird calls and I've often met bird watchers from all over who drove miles to catch sight of one of the rare birds who come here from time to time. During covid this coast was a Godsend for people who discovered it for the first time and many of them still do the walk. Individuals come out from early morning to walk on their own but enjoy stopping for a chat with the people they get to know. Large groups of weekend walkers come from time to time, schools and groups staying at The Lark. The historian from Drogheda does walks from the Delvin to the megalithic tomb at Bremore Head and tells of the ancient history and importance of the area. It would be a tragedy if this proposed development goes ahead as it poses a significant threat to the environment and offers limited benefit. I urge MARA to refuse the Maritime Usage Licence (MUL240011) and prioritise environmental protection and the hundreds of people who use and love this area.

Kind Regards,

