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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for inviting stakeholders to engage and put forth their ideas. Both London and Rotterdam have had the luxury of developing bigger ports downriver recently as can be seen with London Gateway and Maasvlakte 2. Obviously Dublin doesn't have this luxury. My belief is that Dublin will always be a port for Ireland but no matter what plans are made to increase capacity other ports will need to be developed in the short to medium term.

I am biased and from Wicklow but I think we have a substantial opportunity to develop Wicklow as an overflow port. Here are the reasons why it makes sense for Wicklow, for Dublin and Ireland.

1. Currently Wicklow Port is bursting at the seems with leisure, commercial and fishing interests on top of each other
2. Outer port development would make inner port attractive for leisure users and for the general public
3. Wicklow has a €65million port access road built in 2010. But no investment has been put into harbour infrastructure. Getting to M50 from Wicklow is about 25 minutes. Not much more than from Dublin Port to M50
4. Wicklow has the rail link
5. There is land available and further land to be reclaimed
6. Wicklow has a coastal erosion problem north of the harbour - an outer port would solve this.
7. With Brexit, it makes sense to develop shipping links with Europe and ports in the south east are best located to do this.
8. Wicklow is in the centre of Ireland's Offshore Wind developments on the east coast with Codling, Dublin Array, Arklow and NISA all within shooting distance. The port badly needs investment now so as to be able to cater for this. A deepwater port could be used for OWF construction over the coming years and then converted to container/ro-ro etc once the windfarms are built and DPC reaches another level of capacity.
9. We know that Dublin Port couldn't possibly cater for offshore renewable energy.

These are my thoughts and ideas. They are not just mine. This is common sense and people in Wicklow have been working on this for years. We are happy to discuss further

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