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For the attention of the Meetings Administrator

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
County Hall
Dun Laoghaire
Co Dublin

25th May 2012

Dear Councillors

Foreshore licence application by Providence Resources

I am writing to you at the request of, and on behalf of, the Committee of the Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association.

As you may know, the Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association is very concerned about the possibility of an oil rig located only 6 kilometers from the coast.

At our Annual General Meeting on 14th May 2012 a motion was passed opposing the granting of a foreshore licence for this proposal for exploratory drilling. It is not that residents are fundamentally opposed to oil or gas exploration; at issue is the proximity to the coast and a populated area, which is at odds with accepted practice internationally. We request to be informed of the position of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on the granting of a foreshore licence to Providence Resources.

We are aware that the following motion has been submitted by Councillor Melisa Halpin, but has been ruled out of order:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to refuse the application by Providence Resources for a Foreshore Licence to drill an exploratory well 6 km off the coast of Dublin.”

Whatever divergent views individual Councillors may have, we are dismayed that open debate on this vitally important issue should be stifled.

In the interests of democracy and open debate, we are calling for the support of all Councillors for a motion calling on the Minister for the Environment to refuse the application by Providence Resources for a Foreshore Licence to drill an exploratory well 6 kilometers off the coast of Dublin **to at least be debated**.

We trust that we can depend on your support.

Yours sincerely



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