

# Donabate Portrane Community Council

Mr. Dermot Byrne,  
Chief Executive,  
EirGrid Plc  
160 Shelbourne Road,  
Ballsbridge,  
Dublin 4,

28<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Dear Mr Byrne

Donabate Portrane Community Council, established in 1942, strongly objects to any proposals to have the East West Interconnector re-routed through the Rogerstown Estuary.

Rogerstown Estuary is a Natura 2000 site; a Special Area of Conservation (cSACs), designated under the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC; and a Special Protection Area (SPA), designated under the Birds Directive 79/409/EEC). It is also a Ramsar Convention Wetlands site.

The Rogertown Estuary is made up of saltwater marshes, wet meadows and riverine shallows and creeks. It is internationally recognised as one of the most important East Coast sites and is vital for wintering wildfowl and waders and birds on passage. Birds come to the estuary from across Europe, the Arctic and Canada.

If any attempt is made to reroute the East-West Interconnector through the Rogerstown Estuary we will make a complaint against the Irish Government to the European Union outlining our objections referencing to the above EU directives.

Our colleagues in Donabate Estuary Watch and Fairshare, whom we have consulted, concur with our views and will support us in the defence of our estuaries.

I look forward to receiving confirmation that rerouting through the estuary has been ruled out as an option.

Yours faithfully

Garett Lee  
Chairperson  
Donabate Portrane Community Council.

C.C. Trevor Sargent T.D. Michael Kennedy TD, James Reilly T.D, Darragh O' Brien,  
Senator Brendan Ryan, Minister Eamon Ryan, Minister John Gormely

