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RE: Bridwatch Ireland letter dated 2nd March 2016 to ESB regarding Common Tern breeding habitat at ESB dolphin within South Dublin Bay

Dear Ms Duggan

Thank you for letter highlighting the damage to the Pigeon House Power Station Mooring Dolphin located in the Liffey Estuary.

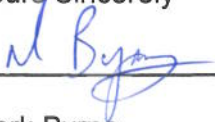
ESB is aware the dolphin has suffered structural damage during the winter storms. We are liaising directly with representatives from the National Parks and Wildlife Service and have held a kick off meeting last week to find a solution to the issue. We have also held a meeting with Dublin Port as the structure is located within a shipping channel.

An inspection was carried out on the 8th of March by an ESB Engineer and the structure was found to be in poor condition, in particular below the waterline. As an action from this initial inspection it was decided to commission a structural survey of the dolphin. ESB and the NPWS will review this report as soon as it comes available and take appropriate actions.

ESB offers its continuing support to BirdWatch Ireland in facilitation of your monitoring programme however until we fully understand the extent of the damage to the structure we would ask, for your own safety, that you do not visit the structure.

We will keep you fully informed of progress on this important issue.

Yours Sincerely



Mark Byrne

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