

# **SAVE OUR SEAFRONT**



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# **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Sunday 1 April @ 3.00PM,  
ROYAL MARINE HOTEL Dun Laoghaire**

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

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Providence Resources PLC were awarded a licence last December to explore for oil/gas just off Dalkey Island. They are now looking for a "Foreshore Licence" so that they can set up an oil rig and drill under the sea just 6km off the coast of Dublin.

If Providence gets this licence they will carry out seismic surveys and will then set up a rig and drill up to 11,000 feet under the sea. This process will last up to a year and could be repeated for 6 years.

The Minister for the Environment had the chance to call a public inquiry into this before granting the licence, he chose not to do this and is now making his decision in consultation with a number of statutory bodies.

There are a number of areas of extreme concern regarding this application:

**1. Drilling for oil or gas in Ireland under the current licencing agreements is of little or no benefit to the people of Ireland.** Any exploration company can write off 100% of all costs against tax and after that will only pay 25% tax and NO royalties. They are also under no obligation to guarantee supply to Ireland

**2. The planned drilling is too close to shore.** Nowhere in Ireland has any company been allowed to drill this close to the coastline. If there was an oil spill adjacent to the most populated place in Ireland the whole bay could be contaminated for decades.

**3. The world's dependency on oil is the single biggest contributing factor to climate change.** We should now be investing in renewable energies NOT further contributing to this dependency. If Ireland has oil and gas deposits these should only be extracted from the ground if they are going to contribute to investment in renewable energies.

**4. The area around the site of the planned rig is designated a "Special Conservation Area" with a number of rare species of birds, mammals and fish.** An oil spill would cause untold damage.

**5. Providence Resources reported to councillors in Dun Laoghaire that there is a very high chance of a find in Dublin Bay.** If oil/gas is found it will mean the full industrialisation of one of the most beautiful sections of our coastline

**6. This application for a foreshore licence is being rushed very quietly. Many people have no idea it is happening.** A decision to grant this licence should not be down to one Minister and the public should have been consulted.

Please come along to our meeting on Sunday 1 April in The Kingston Hotel at 3pm

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