



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

Halla na Cathrach,
Bóthar an Choláiste
Gaillimh

City Hall
College Road
Galway

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21st March 2014

To the Mayor & Each Member of Galway City Council

***Re: Galway Harbour Proposed Extension- Strategic Infrastructure Development
An Bord Pleanála Reference 61.PA0033***

Item No. 1 (a) on Agenda of Council Meeting of the 24th March 2014

Dear Councillor,

I wish to refer to the above and to the planning process that is now in train where by An Bord Pleanála are considering the planning application pursuant to Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Having regard that the proposed development of an extension to the harbour, is designated as strategic infrastructure, the planning application is made directly to the Board as the adjudicating authority. In accordance with the legislation Galway City Council, being the planning authority for the area, is a prescribed body. The Planning Authority is obliged to prepare and submit to the Board a report setting out the views of the proposed development on the environment and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the authority. This report must be submitted within 10 weeks from the making of the application to the Board, the final date for submission in this case being the 2nd April 2014.

The Managers Report, before going to the Board, must be submitted to the Members of the Planning Authority and the views of the Members on the proposed development are sought. The Members may, by resolution, decide to attach recommendations specified in the resolution to the report of the authority. Where the Members so decide, the recommendations, together with the meeting administrators record shall be attached to the report being submitted to the Board.

As the Members are aware the planning preparation carried out prior to the lodgement of the application by the Harbour Company was extensive and meetings have been held with the City Council and An Bord Pleanála in respect to same. This also included a meeting held directly by An Bord Pleanála with Galway City Council.

Cuirfear fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge / Correspondence in the Irish Language is welcomed

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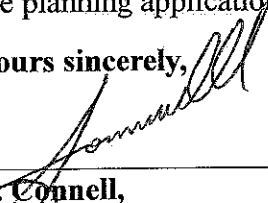
The attached report is set out against specific issues referring in particular to the following:

- City Development Plan Policy in the context of the site and surrounding area *(Page 3)*
- Relevant planning history *(Page 10)*
- Relevant national, regional and local policies *(Page 11)*
- Ports Policy *(Page 11)*
- European Designations *(Page 14)*
- Protected Structures *(Page 14)*
- Waste Policy *(Page 15)*
- Adequacy of the public water supply *(Page 16)*
- Public sewerage facilities *(Page 16)*
- Public surface water drainage facilities *(Page 16)*
- Flood Risk Assessment *(Page 16)*
- Assessment under the Water Framework Directive *(Page 18)*
- Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Directive *(Page 18)*
- Comments on the EIS *(Page 20)*
- Assessment of landscape status and visual impact *(Page 24)*
- Carrying capacity and safety of road network *(Page 26)*
- Environmental carrying capacity of the site and surrounding area *(Page 29)*
- Description of any public use of adjoining lands *(Page 30)*
- Planning Authority's view in relation to the decision to be made by the Board *(Page 30)*
- Planning Authority's view on conditions *(Page 33)*
- Planning Authority's view on community gain *(Page 39)*
- Details of section 48/49 development contribution scheme *(Page 40)*
- Details of any special contribution conditions *(Page 40)*
- Planning Authority's considered view *(Page 40)*
- Views of relevant Department/Personnel in Galway City Council attached in Appendix I *(Page 42)*
- Extract from Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Volume 2B Chapter 15, Mitigation Measures in Appendix II *(Page 56)*

The project implementation period proposed is 96 months (8 years) and the stages are set out in the attached extracts. I have also referenced a layout of the proposal together with the public notice and a listing of the submissions received by the Board in respect of the planning application, the latter are available for public viewing.

The Managers Report and the record of this meeting will be submitted to the Board by the end of this week and will form part of submissions received by An Bord Pleanála in the consideration of the planning application by the Board.

Yours sincerely,



T. Connell,
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Planning, Economic Development, Community,
Culture & Corporate Services Directorate.

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