

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

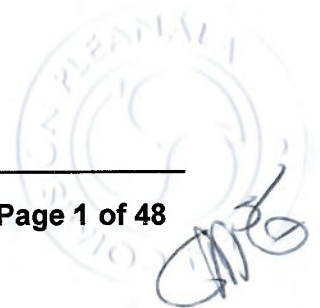
**Ordú ón gCoimisiún
Commission Order
PA0033**

**An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú
Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended
Údarás Pleanála: Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Planning Authority: Galway City Council**

Iarratas ar chead faoi alt 37E den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, i gcomhréir le pleananna agus sonraí, lena n-áirítear Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta agus Ráiteas Tionchair Natura, ar thaisc Cuideachta Chuan na Gaillimhe faoi chúram TOBIN Consulting Engineers, Teach Fhaiche an Aonaigh, Bóthar Fhaiche an Aonaigh, Contae na Gaillimhe, iad leis an gCoimisiún Pleanála an 10^ú lá de mhí Eanáir 2014, mar a leasaíodh leis an bhfaisnéis bhreise a fuarthas an 16^ú lá de mhí Dheireadh Fómhair 2014 agus an 27^ú lá de mhí Mheán Fómhair 2024.

Forbairt bheartaithe: Tá sé beartaithe Cuan na Gaillimhe a shíneadh, lena n-áirítear:

- i. ballaí cé, muirmhúrtha agus tonnbhallaí a sholáthar chun céanna tráchtála agus saoráid nasctha domhainmhara a chruthú, rud a shínfidh ó dheas isteach i gCuan na Gaillimhe,
- ii. dreidireacht chun cainéal isteach nua a chruthú chuig na céanna tráchtála agus chuig na bearta saoráide nasctha domhainmhara,
- iii. thart ar 27 heicteár a mhíntíriú ón imeall trá agus ó ghrinneall na farraige,



- iv. na tailte míntírithé a fhorbairt agus cuid de na tailte ar Pháirc Fiontraíochta Chalafort na Gaillimhe in aice láimhe a athfhorbairt le haghaidh gnó a bhaineann leis an gcuan,
- v. muiríne a sholáthar ar an taobh thiar,
- vi. céanna iascaireachta, fánán do stáisiún bád tarrthála agus ionad loingseoireachta a sholáthar ar an taobh thoir,
- vii. nasc iarnróid lasta dé-riain a sholáthar ón líne iarnróid láithreach idir Gaillimh agus Baile Átha Cliath chuig na céanna tráchtála, lena n-áirítear claífoirt, tardhroichead iarnróid chuig an mbóthar seirbhíse láithreach, agus scagadh laghdú torainn,
- viii. píblínte aistrithe ola agus biotúmain a thógáil chuig na humarfheirmeacha láithreacha ola agus biotúmain ar Pháirc Fiontraíochta Chalafort na Gaillimhe, agus saoráidí stórála uisce le haghaidh dóiteáin a sholáthar. Tagann sé sin faoi raon feidhme Threoir 96/82/CE ón Aontas Eorpach maidir le Rialú Guaiseacha Mórthionóiscí, dá ngairtear Treoir SEVESO II,
- ix. foirgnimh a bhaineann leis an gcuan a sholáthar, lena n-áirítear oifig oibríochtaí calafoirt (ceithre stór), trádstóras bainistíochta cuain (aon stór), oifig muiríne (aon stór), críochfort paisinéirí (aon stór), agus spásanna coimhdeacha páirceála carranna agus seirbhísí coimhdeacha láithreáin, lena n-áirítear trí cinn d'fhostáisiúin de chuid Bhord Soláthair an Leictreachais, fostáisiún amháin de chuid Bhord Soláthair an Leictreachais a scartáil, trí cinn d'oifigí rialaithe, agus teach caidéil uisce críochfoirt ola, agus héileapad chun críocha cuardaigh agus tarrthála,
- x. bóithre rochtana a thógáil/a fheabhsú, lena n-áirítear athailíniú cothrománach agus ingearach a dhéanamh ar an mbóthar atá suite faoi bhun Dhroichead Iarnróid Bhóthar Loch an tSáile (déanamhas cosanta), agus ailíniú agus feabhsuithe a dhéanamh, lena n-áirítear soilse tráchta a sholáthar, ag an aomhal Bóithre Rochtana idir Bóthar na nDuganna, Bóthar na Long agus Páirc Fiontraíochta Chalafort na Gaillimhe (atá suite in aice le hÓstán an Chuain),
- xi. limistéir thírdhreachaithe agus thaitneamhachta a sholáthar, lena n-áirítear an stráice taitneamhachta a ceadaíodh roimhe seo a athsholáthar ón teorainn

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theas chun farraige de Pháirc Fiontraíochta Chalafort na Gaillimhe chun nasc taitneamhachta a chruthú ón muiríne chuig an ionad loingseoireachta, agus

xii. i gcás na forbartha láithreáin gaolmhaire sealadaí agus buaine ar fad (lena n-áirítear bóithre seirbhíse/athailíniú bóithre agus oibreacha faoi thalamh), áirítear leis an togra oibreacha tírdhreacha (lena n-áirítear soilsiú poiblí agus seirbhísí poiblí) agus gníomhaíochtaí atá ceaptha chun tógáil na forbartha a éascú.

Beidh an fhorbairt ar fad suite i mbailte fearainn na Rinne Móire agus Pháirceanna an Bhaile, Contae na Gaillimhe.

Cinneadh

Cead a dheonú faoi alt 37G den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, don fhorbairt bheartaithe thuas i gcomhréir leis na pleananna agus na sonraí luaite, bunaithe ar na cúiseanna agus na cúinsí faoi bhun agus faoi réir na gcoinníollacha atá leagtha amach thíos.

An tsuim atá le híoc ag an iarratasóir i leith costais a bhaineann leis an iarratas, mar atá leagtha amach sa Sceideal Costas thíos, a CHINNEADH faoi alt 37H(2)(c).

Cúiseanna agus Cúinsí

Agus é ag comhlíonadh a fheidhmeanna i ndáil leis an gcinneadh uaidh a dhéanamh, rinne an Coimisiún an cinneadh uaidh i gcomhréir leis na nithe seo a leanas:

- alt 15(1) den Acht um Ghníomhú Aeráide agus um Fhorbairt Ísealcharbóin, 2015, arna leasú le halt 17 den Acht um Ghníomhú Aeráide agus um Fhorbairt Ísealcharbóin (Leasú), 2021, agus an ceanglas atá ann a fheidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh, a mhéid is féidir, ar mhodh atá ag teacht leis an bPlean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide 2024 agus leis an bPlean Gníomhaithe ar son

na hAeráide 2025, agus leis an straitéis fhadtéarmach náisiúnta um ghníomhú ar son na haeráide, leis an gcreat náisiúnta oiriúnaithe agus leis na pleananna ceadaithe oiriúnaithe earnála, agus ar mhodh atá ceaptha chun an cuspóir a chur chun cinn arb éard é astaíochtaí gás ceaptha teasa a mhaolú agus oiriúnú d'éifeachtaí an athraithe aeráide sa Stát, agus

- Treoir 2000/60/CE, an Chreat-treoir Uisce, agus an ceanglas atá ann a fheidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh ar mhodh atá ag teacht leis na forálacha den Treoir agus a chomhlíonann ceanglais na Treorach nó a chuireann an comhlíonadh sin chun cinn.

Ina theannta sin, agus é ag teacht ar an gcinneadh uaidh, bhí aird ag an gCoimisiún ar na nithe seo a leanas:

- (a) Beartas Eorpach, náisiúnta, réigiúnach agus áitiúil pleanála, fuinnimh agus aeráide agus beartais iomchuí eile, lena n-áirítear na nithe seo a leanas go háirithe:

Beartas/Reachtaíocht Eorpach:

- i. Treoir 2011/92/AE (an Treoir maidir le Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta),
- ii. Treoir 92/43/CEE (an Treoir um Ghnáthóga) agus Treoir 79/409/CEE, arna leasú le Treoir 2009/147/CE (an Treoir um Éin), agus
- iii. Calafort na Gaillimhe a chur ar áireamh mar Chalafort Cuimsitheach sa Ghréasán Tras-Eorpach Iompair (TEN-T).

Beartas agus Treoir Náisiúnta, lena n-áirítear:

- i. Tionscadal Éireann 2040 – An Creat Náisiúnta Pleanála, lena n-áirítear An Creat Náisiúnta Pleanála: An Chéad Athbhreithniú, Aibreán 2025,
- ii. An Plean Forbartha Náisiúnta 2021-2030,
- iii. An Creat Náisiúnta um Pleanáil Mhuirí, 2021,
- iv. Beartas Náisiúnta na gCalafort, 2013,
- v. cuspóirí 4^ú Plean Gníomhaíochta Náisiúnta na hÉireann um Bithéagsúlacht 2023–2030,
- vi. An Plean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide 2024 agus an Plean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide 2025,
- vii. Straitéis Fhadtéarmach na hÉireann maidir le hAstaíochtaí Gás Ceaptha Teasa a Laghdú, 2024, agus
- viii. An Plean Náisiúnta Fuinnimh agus Aeráide 2021-2030.



Beartas réigiúnach agus áitiúil:

- i. Straitéis Spáis agus Eacnamaíochta Réigiúnach Thionól Réigiúnach an Tuaiscirt agus an Iarthair 2020-2032,
 - ii. Plean Forbartha Cathrach na Gaillimhe 2023-2029, arna athrú, agus
 - iii. Plean Forbartha Contae na Gaillimhe 2022-2028, arna athrú.
- (b) suíomh, cineál, scála agus leagan amach na forbartha beartaithe,
- (c) an raon beart maolaithe atá leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2014, sna hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, sa Ráiteas Tionchair Natura agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura, 2024, agus sa Phlean um Bearta Cúitimh, Bearta Tionlacain agus Tairbhí Comhshaoil Breise,
- (d) na saintuarascálacha maidir le héiceolaíocht mhuirí, hidreolaíocht mhuirí agus cáilíocht uisce arna n-ullmhú thar ceann an Choimisiúin,
- (e) na haighneachtaí a fuarthas i ndáil leis an iarratas ó na páirtithe agus na breathnóirí uile, ag gach céim den phróiseas, lena n-áirítear iad sin a fuarthas sa bhliain 2014, na haighneachtaí a rinneadh ag an éisteacht ó bhéal a tionóladh an 6^ú lá de mhí Eanáir 2015 (réamhéisteacht) agus a tionóladh thar roinnt laethanta idir an 13^ú lá de mhí Eanáir 2015 agus an 23^ú lá de mhí Eanáir 2015, agus na haighneachtaí a rinneadh tar éis an Fhaisnéis Bhreise a fuarthas ón iarratasóir an 27^ú lá de mhí Mheán Fómhair 2024 a scaipeadh, á lua go háirithe go ndearnadh na tosca agus na tráchttaireachtaí ábhartha uile a scrúdú agus a scaipeadh ina n-iomláine le linn na tréimhse tosaigh 2014/2015 (roimh an Ordachán ón mBord (mar a bhí ag an am) dar dáta an 25^ú lá de mhí Mheán Fómhair 2015 á rá go saothrófaí an rogha maidir le Cúiseanna Dianriachtanacha Leasa Phoiblí Sháraithigh) agus le linn na tréimhse tar éis an tuairim ón Aire a fháil sa bhliain 2024 á rá go bhfuil na bearta beartaithe cúitimh leordhóthanach chun a chinntiú go ndéanfar comhtháthú foriomlán an líonra Natura 2000 a chosaint agus, dá bhrí sin, go bhféadfar cinneadh pleanála a dhéanamh ar an gcás, ar shlí gur phléigh an Coimisiún go hiomlán leis na tosca ábhartha uile agus gur dheimhin leis gur os a chomhair a bhí an fhaisnéis ar fad ba ghá chun an t-iarratas a chinneadh gan aon ghá le haon chleachtaí

breise, amhail an éisteacht ó bhéal a athoscailt nó aon ábhar a scaipeadh tuilleadh,

- (f) an tOrdachán ón mBord (mar a bhí ag an am) dar dáta an 25^ú lá de mhí Mheán Fómhair 2015,
- (g) an litir ón mBord (mar a bhí ag an am) dar dáta an 24^ú lá de mhí an Mhárta 2021 chuig an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta, lenar cuireadh faoi iamh an Sonrú Cáis ar son Cúiseanna Dianriachtanacha Leasa Phoiblí Sháraithigh,
- (h) an fógra de bhun alt 177AB(3) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, arna eisiúint ag an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an 27^ú lá de mhí Feabhra 2024, inar luadh an tuairim uaidh go bhfuil na bearta beartaithe cúitimh leordhóthanach chun a chinntiú go ndéanfar comhtháthú foriomlán an líonra Natura 2000 a chosaint, agus
- (i) na tuarascálacha agus na moltaí ó na Cigirí, lena n-áirítear an tuarascáil bhunaidh dar dáta an 27^ú lá de mhí Feabhra 2015, an tuarascáil fhorlíontach dar dáta an 6^ú lá de mhí Dheireadh Fómhair 2020, agus an tuarascáil aguisín deiridh dar dáta an 4^ú lá de mhí Feabhra 2026.

Measúnacht Chuí: Céim 1

Rinne an Coimisiún breithniú ar an measúnacht chuí bhunaidh agus na conclúidí bunaidh a rinneadh sa bhliain 2015 agus, mar gheall ar an méid ama a chuaigh thart ó cuireadh an t-iarratas faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin Pleanála, chinn an Coimisiún cleachtadh scagtha measúnachta cuí sa bhreis a dhéanamh bunaithe ar fhaisnéis nuashonraithe agus ar fhaisnéis iomchuí eile, i ndáil leis na héifeachtaí a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag an bhforbairt bheartaithe ar Láithreáin Eorpacha ainmnithe. Thug an Coimisiún faoi deara nach bhfuil an fhorbairt bheartaithe nasctha go díreach le bainistíocht aon Láithreáin Eorpach agus nach bhfuil sí riachtanach maidir le bainistíocht aon láithreáin den sórt sin, agus rinne sé breithniú ar chineál, scála agus suíomh na forbartha beartaithe, mar aon leis an tuarascáil Aguisín ón gCigire.

Chomhaontaigh an Coimisiún leis an leagan nuashonraithe den mheasúnacht scagtha agus leis an gconclúid a rinneadh sa tuarascáil Aguisín deiridh ón gCigire á rá gurb iad Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód

Láithreáin: 000268), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Shliabh Tuaidh/an Toir Mhóir/Ghaoth Luacharóis Beag (Cód Láithreáin: 000190), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Inis Bó Finne agus Inis Airc (Cód Láithreáin: 000278), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Loch Coirib (Cód Láithreáin: 000297), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Oileáin Cheann Léime (Cód Láithreáin: 000328), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Dhubhoileán (Cód Láithreáin: 000495), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Cheannúir (Cód Láithreáin: 000507), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Shléibhte Mhám Toirc (Cód Láithreáin: 002008), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Phortach Chonamara (Cód Láithreáin: 002034), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Chuan agus Oileáin Chill Chiaráin (Cód Láithreáin: 002111), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta na Sionainne Íochtair (Cód Láithreáin: 002165), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta na mBlascaodaí (Cód Láithreáin: 002172), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Chósta Chonnacht Thiar (Cód Láithreáin: 002998), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Bhá Dhún na nGall (Muirbheach) (Cód Láithreáin: 000133), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Phointe Charraig an Rois (Cód Láithreáin: 000191), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Inis Mór (Cód Láithreáin: 000213), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Chuan Chill Ala/Inbhear na Muaidhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000458), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Chuan Bhaile Easa Dara (Cód Láithreáin: 000622), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Loch Bhun Duibhe agus Mhachair/Thrá Tuaidh/an Mhullaigh Mhóir (Cód Láithreáin: 000625), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Thrá an Choimín/Bhá Dhroim Chliabh (Cuan Shligigh) (Cód Láithreáin: 000627), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan Mó (Cód Láithreáin: 001482), Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Leithinis Cheann Léime (Cód Láithreáin: 002074), Limistéar Cosanta Speisialta Chuan na Gaillimhe Istigh (Cód Láithreáin: 004031) agus Limistéar Cosanta Speisialta Loch Coirib (Cód Láithreáin: 004042) na Láithreáin Eorpacha ar dócha go mbeidh éifeachtaí suntasacha orthu, agus ghlac an Coimisiún an mheasúnacht scagtha agus an conclúid sin.

Agus aird á tabhairt ar na leasanna cáilitheacha ar ainmníodh na Láithreáin Eorpacha uile eile lena n-aghaidh, agus ar an easpa nasc inmharthana atá ag na Láithreáin Eorpacha sin leis an láithreán is ábhar don iarratas, agus ar an achar idir na Láithreáin Eorpacha sin agus an láithreán is ábhar don iarratas, tháinig an Coimisiún ar an gconclúid go bhféadfaí iad sin a scagadh amach ó bhreithniú breise

agus nach dócha go mbeadh éifeachtaí suntasacha ag an bhforbairt bheartaithe, ina haonar nó in éineacht le pleananna agus tionscadail eile, ar aon Láithreáin Eorpacha eile, i bhfianaise chuspóirí caomhantais na Láithreán, agus, dá bhrí sin, nach bhfuil measúnacht chuí Chéim 2 ag teastáil i ndáil leis na Láithreáin Eorpacha sin.

Measúnacht Chuí: Céim 2

Rinne an Coimisiún breithniú ar an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura, mar a cuireadh isteach ar dtús, agus ar an Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura, 2024, agus rinne sé measúnacht chuí ar impleachtaí an togra do na Láithreáin Eorpacha thuasluaite, i bhfianaise chuspóirí caomhantais na Láithreán.

I dteannta na tuarascála aguisín deiridh ón gCigire agus nasaintuarascála gaolmhaire ón éiceolaí muirí, mheas an Coimisiún gur leor an fhaisnéis a bhí os a chomhair chun measúnacht chuí a dhéanamh. Agus an mheasúnacht á cur i gcrích aige, rinne an Coimisiún breithniú ar na nithe seo a leanas:

- i. na tionchair dhíreacha agus indíreacha ar dóigh dóibh teacht as an bhforbairt bheartaithe, aisti féin nó in éineacht le pleananna nó tionscadail eile,
- ii. na bearta maolaithe atá ar áireamh sa togra reatha, agus
- iii. na cuspóirí caomhantais do na Láithreáin Eorpacha.

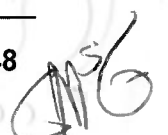
Agus an mheasúnacht chuí á cur i gcrích aige, ghlac an Coimisiún leis an measúnacht chuí a rinneadh sna tuarascálacha ó na Cigirí agus leis na conclúidí ar thángthas orthu sa Tuarascáil Aguisín deiridh ón gCigire maidir leis na héifeachtaí a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag an bhforbairt bheartaithe ar na Láithreáin Eorpacha réamhluaite, agus ghlac sé an mheasúnacht sin, agus aird á tabhairt ar na cuspóirí caomhantais.

Sa chonclúid fhoriomlán uaidh, ba dheimhin leis an gCoimisiún, thar aon amhras eolaíoch réasúnach, nach ndéanadh an fhorbairt bheartaithe, lena n-áirítear na bearta maolaithe atá leagtha amach sna doiciméid iarratais agus atá daingnithe le coinníoll, dochar do shláine na Láithreán Eorpach thuasluaite, ná d'aon Láithreán Eorpach eile, seachas Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000268), cibé acu ina haonar nó in éineacht le pleananna nó tionscadail eile, i bhfianaise chuspóirí caomhantais na Láithreán.

Cúiseanna Dianriachtanacha Leasa Phoiblí Sháraithigh

Tar éis breithniú a dhéanamh ar an ábhar iomchuí agus na haighneachtaí iomchuí ar fad atá ar comhad, dheimhnigh an Coimisiún an chonclúid bhunaidh uaidh go mbeadh drochthionchar ag an bhforbairt bheartaithe ar shláine Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000268). Beag bean ar an measúnacht dhiúltach ar na himpleachtaí do Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000268), meastar gur gá an fhorbairt bheartaithe a cheadú go fóill ar chúiseanna dianriachtanacha leasa phoiblí sháraithigh, is iad sin an gá atá lena chinntiú go leanfaidh Gaillimh le hoibriú mar chalafoirt réigiúnach agus na tairbhí fadtéarmacha sóisialta nó eacnamaíocha a bhaineann leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe a chinntiú. Seo a leanas na cúiseanna dianriachtanacha leasa phoiblí sháraithigh a fhágann gur gá toiliú a thabhairt don fhorbairt bheartaithe:

- (a) Cuirtear i láthair sa togra forbairt chomhtháite a chuirfidh feabhas ar na mórthairbhí sóisialta, eacnamaíocha agus áineasa a bhaineann leis an gcalafoirt do phobal na Gaillimhe agus dá cúlchríoch réigiúnach.
- (b) Tá feabhsú an chalafoirt a fhreastalaíonn ar an réigiún ag teacht le beartais Eorpacha, náisiúnta agus réigiúnacha atá i bhfabhar forbairt chothromaithe spáis agus eacnamaíoch.
- (c) Ní hé amháin go bhfuil an calafoirt agus an traidisiún trádála muirí ina ngné bhunúsach do gheilleagar na Gaillimhe, ach tá siad ina ngné bhunúsach dá cultúr agus dá féiniúlacht freisin.
- (d) Dá mba rud é nach dtabharfaí aghaidh ar shrianta láithreacha an chalafoirt, thioctadh an calafoirt chun bheith neamh-inmharthana agus thioctadh meath ar an gcalafoirt idir an meántearma agus an fadtéarma agus, dá mba rud é nach dtabharfaí aghaidh ar shrianta láithreacha SEVESO, mar a trasúidh leis na Rialacháin um Rialú Guaiseacha Mórthionóiscí (COMAH), chuirfí bac ar an turasóireacht agus ar an acmhainneacht atá ann ceathrú uirbeach nua a fhorbairt.
- (e) Ní raibh tograí malartacha laistigh den chuan indéanta, agus ba mhó na tionchair a bheadh acu ar chuspóirí caomhantais Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000268) ná na tionchair a bheadh ag an bhforbairt bheartaithe.



- (f) Dá mba rud é go n-aistreofaí gníomhaíocht loingseoireachta tráchtála ar shiúl ó Gaillimh chuig Sionainn-Faing, chuirfí as don chumas atá ag Calafort na Gaillimhe an ról atá aige mar Chalafort Cuimsitheach ainmnithe sa Ghréasán Tras-Eorpach Iompair a chomhlíonadh, agus d'fhéadfadh freisin go mbainfí an bonn d'fhorbairt na Gaillimhe mar spreagadh tábhachtach fáis náisiúnta agus mar phríomh-lárionad réigiúnach sa Chreat Náisiúnta Pleanála, agus chuirfí bac ar leathnú muirí/fóillíochta laistigh de Chathair na Gaillimhe.
- (g) Áirítear leis na tairbhí sóisialta agus eacnamaíocha a bhaineann leis an tionscadal na tionchair dhearfacha a imreofar ar an turasóireacht, ar thaighde muirí agus ar fhorbairt mhuirí, lena n-áirítear fuinneamh in-athnuaite amach ón gcósta, athghiniúint uirbeach, agus deiseanna fóillíochta muirí.
- (h) Meádh go sainráite cailliúint leasanna cáilitheacha Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000268) agus na cúiseanna dianriachtanacha leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe, atá de chineál sóisialta agus eacnamaíoch den chuid is mó.

Chinn an Coimisiún nach ann d'aon roghanna eile indéanta as a dtiocfadh tionchair laghdaithe ar ghnáthóga, speicis agus sláine Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000268) seachas Cuan na Gaillimhe a shíneadh.

Maidir leis na tograí le haghaidh bearta cúitimh don chailliúint dhíreach bhuan gnáthóige sceireacha atá faoi cheannas fúcóideach (Cód Gnáthóige: 1170), don láib agus don mhachaire gainimh nach mbíonn cumhdaithe ag sáile ag lag trá (Cód Gnáthóige: 1140), agus don chailliúint fásra ilbhliantúil ar bhruacha clochacha (Cód Gnáthóige: 1220) mar gheall ar fhoscadh, agus iad go léir suite i Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000268), is deimhin leis an gCoimisiún, agus aird á tabhairt ar iomláine na ndoiciméad atá ar comhad, go bhfuil na tograí sin leordhóthanach chun a chinntiú go ndéanfar comhtháthú foriomlán an líonra Láithreán Eorpach a chosaint, agus meastar go dtabharfaidh siad aghaidh ar na tionchair ar shláine Limistéar Caomhantais Speisialta Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe (Cód Láithreáin: 000268), agus bearta gaolmhara tionlacain agus tairbhí comhshaoil breise ann. I ndáil leis sin, rinne an Coimisiún breithniú ar an bhFógra de bhun alt 177AB(3) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, arna eisiúint ag an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus

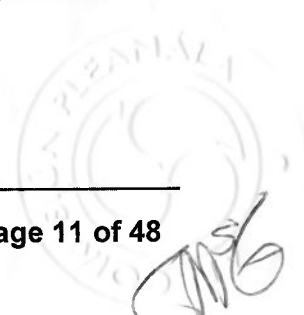
Oidhreacht an 27^ú lá de mhí Feabhra 2024. Deimhnítear san Fhógra sin an tuairim ón Aire go bhfuil na bearta beartaithe cúitimh leordhóthanach chun a chinntiú go ndéanfar comhtháthú foriomlán an líonra Láithreán Eorpach a chosaint. Thug an Coimisiún faoi deara freisin gurb amhlaidh, de bhun an Fhógra a fuarthas ón Aire faoi alt 177AB(3) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, a fhéadfaidh sé (mar údarás inniúil) a chinneadh toiliú a dheonú don fhorbairt bheartaithe fara coinníollacha nó gan choinníollacha.

Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta

Chuir an Coimisiún measúnacht tionchair timpeallachta i gcrích ar an bhforbairt bheartaithe, agus aird á tabhairt aige ar na nithe seo a leanas:

- (a) cineál, scála, suíomh agus méid na forbartha beartaithe,
- (b) an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2014, na hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, an tAguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus na doiciméid ghaolmhara a cuireadh isteach in éineacht leis an iarratas,
- (c) na haighneachtaí a fuarthas le linn an iarratais, agus
- (d) na tuarascálacha agus an moladh ó na Cigirí, agus na tuarascálacha ón Éiceolaí Muirí, ón Hidreolaí Muirí agus ón Eolaí Comhshaoil mar thaca leo.

Thug an Coimisiún faoi deara nach bhfuil feidhm ag an Treoir maidir le Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta 2014 maidir leis an iarratas pleanála reatha seo agus gur cuireadh an mheasúnacht timpeallachta reachtúil i gcrích trí thagairt don Treoir is infheidhme ón Aontas Eorpach, mar a bhí trasuite tráth a rinneadh an t-iarratas (Treoir 2011/92/AE (An Treoir maidir le Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta)). Mar sin féin, chun líofacht teanga agus foirme a sholáthar, cuireadh tagairtí do na ceannteidil seo a leanas san áireamh sa mheasúnacht; daonra agus sláinte an duine, bithéagsúlacht, agus aird ar leith á tabhairt ar na speicis agus na gnáthóga atá faoi chosaint faoin Treoir um Ghnáthóga agus faoin Treoir um Éin (Treoir 92/43/CEE agus Treoir 2009/147/CE faoi seach), talamh, ithir, uisce, aer agus aeráid, sócmhainní ábhartha, oidhreacht chultúrtha agus an tírdhreach, agus an idirghníomhaíocht idir na tosca sin. Cuireadh conclúid réasúnaithe ar áireamh inti freisin.

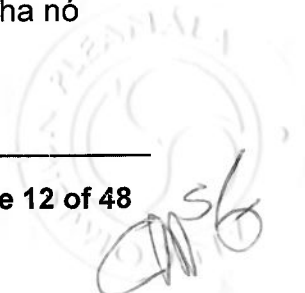


Maidir leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2014, na hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, agus an tAguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus na doiciméid tacaíochta a chuir an t-iarratasóir isteach, mheas an Coimisiún go mbreithnítear go himleor iontu roghanna eile ar an bhforbairt bheartaithe agus go sainaithnítear go himleor iontu na héifeachtaí díreacha, indíreacha, tánaisteacha agus carnacha a bheadh ag an bhforbairt bheartaithe ar an gcomhshaol agus go dtugtar tuairisc imleor ar na héifeachtaí sin iontu. Chomhaontaigh an Coimisiún leis an scrúdú, mar atá leagtha amach sa tuarascáil Aguisín Deiridh ón gCigire, ar an bhfaisnéis atá sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2014, sna hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus sna doiciméid ghaolmhara a chuir an t-iarratasóir isteach agus sna haighneachtaí a rinneadh le linn an iarratais pleanála.

Tháinig an Coimisiún ar an gconclúid gurbh inghlactha a bheadh éifeachtaí na forbartha beartaithe ar an gcomhshaol, aisti féin agus in éineacht le forbairtí láithreacha agus ceadaithe eile sa chomharsanacht, faoi réir na bearta beartaithe maolaithe a chur chun feidhme, mar atá leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2014, sna hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus faoi réir na coinníollacha atá leagtha amach anseo a chomhlíonadh. Agus an méid sin á dhéanamh aige, ghlac an Coimisiún an tuarascáil Aguisín deiridh agus na conclúidí ón gCigire tuairiscithe.

Conclúidí Réasúnaithe ar na hÉifeachtaí Suntasacha:

Agus aird á tabhairt ar an scrúdú ar an bhfaisnéis timpeallachta atá tugtha thuas, go háirithe an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2014, na hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, an tAguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus an fhaisnéis fhorlíontach a sholáthair an t-iarratasóir, agus ar na haighneachtaí ón údarás pleanála, ó chomhlachtaí forordaithe agus ó bhreathnóirí le linn an iarratais, meastar gurb iad seo a leanas na príomhthionchair shuntasacha dhíreacha, indíreacha nó



channacha a bheadh ag an bhforbairt atá ceadaithe istigh anseo ar an gcomhshaoil agus go maolófar iad mar a leanas:

1. Eascróidh astaíochtaí **torainn agus tonnchreatha** as gníomhaíocht tógála, go háirithe le linn gníomhaíochtaí píleála, pléasctha faoi uisce agus dreidireachta. Mhaolófaí na tionchair ó ghníomhaíochtaí den sórt sin go leordhóthanach trí na nithe seo a leanas:
 - (a) Cloí le luachanna sainaitheanta teorann astaíochta agus le treoirlínte do ghníomhaíochtaí den sórt sin (BS 5607:1998),
 - (b) Cineál gearrthéarmach na ngníomhaíochtaí, agus teorainneacha ar ghníomhaíochtaí laethúla pléasctha.
 - (c) Criosanna eisiaimh mamach farraige agus breathnóirí mamach farraige a úsáid le linn oibreacha tógála.
 - (d) An spás idir an fhorbairt agus an líne chladaigh agus gabhdóirí íogaire.
 - (e) Faireachán leanúnach.
2. Eascróidh tionchair dhiúltacha ar an **mbithéagsúlacht** as gníomhaíochtaí tógála agus oibríochta. Maolófar na tionchair sin trí chloí le bearta tógála dea-chleachtais agus tríd an bPlean Bainistíochta Comhshaoil Tógála deiridh a chur chun feidhme. Cailfear gnáthóga muirthimpeallachta go díreach mar thoradh ar thógáil na forbartha freisin. Mhaolófaí na tionchair sin go leordhóthanach tríd an bPlean um Bearta Cúitimh, Bearta Tionlacain agus Tairbhí Comhshaoil Breise a chur chun feidhme.
3. Scaoileadh solad ar fuaidreamh agus suaitheadh **ithreach** isteach i gCuan na Gaillimhe, mar aon le sioltachán gaolmhar ar ghrinneall na farraige. Mhaolófaí na tionchair sin go leordhóthanach trí na nithe seo a leanas:
 - (a) Ithreacha a bhaint de limistéir os cionn carraige chun srian a chur le suaitheadh ithreach de dheasca carraig a dhruileáil, a phléascadh agus a bhaint.
 - (b) Cothromaíocht a bhaint amach idir dreidireacht dríodair agus athúsáid dríodair mar mhíntíriú talún.
 - (c) Scaoileadh íosta dríodar ar fuaidreamh isteach san fharraige trí mhodhanna oiriúnacha tógála a chur chun feidhme.
4. Scaoileadh solad ar fuaidreamh isteach san **uisce** i gCuan na Gaillimhe, mar aon le sioltachán gaolmhar ar ghrinneall na farraige agus le scaoileadh

truailleán ó thiúchain mhéadaithe dríodair ar fuaidreamh le linn dreidireachta. Mhaolófaí na tionchair ó ghníomhaíochtaí den sórt sin go leordhóthanach trí leas a bhaint as méadair mhoirtiúlachta ag láithreáin dreidireachta chun obair chuí os cionn uisce a thaifeadadh agus a rialú chun a chinntiú go rialófar an dreidireacht.

5. Drochthionchar ar an **tírdhreach** agus ar thaitneamhacht **amhairc** le linn na tógála agus ar chríochnú na forbartha beartaithe. Maolaíodh é sin le linn na céime deartha, agus áirítear leis an bhforbairt anois scéim tírdhreachaithe atá ceaptha chun an tionchar amhairc fadtéarmach a laghdú.
6. Beidh éifeacht dhiúltach shealadach ann ar an **Trácht** agus ar an **lompar** le linn na tógála, agus sruth tráchta tógála feithiclí earraí troma ann ar an ngréasán sráideanna mar thoradh ar an bhforbairt. Maolófar é sin trí Plean mionsonraithe Bainistíochta Tráchta Tógála a chur chun feidhme.
7. Eascróidh as tochair agus forbairt an láithreáin tionchair dhíreacha ar ghnéithe is díol spéise ó thaobh **seandálaíochta** agus ar ghnéithe nár taifeadadh roimhe seo. Mhaolófaí na tionchair go leordhóthanach trí na nithe seo a leanas:
 - (a) Na láithreáin seandálaíochta uile agus na limistéir sheandálaíochta uile a saináithníodh le linn tástáil seandálaíochta agus le linn suirbhéanna faoi uisce a réiteach go hiomlán.
 - (b) Achtanna na Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta agus an Plean Bainistíochta Comhshaoil Tógála a chomhlíonadh.
 - (c) Comhaontófar ráiteas modha le haghaidh oibreacha seandálaíochta le Seirbhís na Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta, agus obair allamuigh agus faireachán á ndéanamh ag conraitheoir seandálaíochta atá cáilithe agus ceadúnaithe go cuí.
 - (d) Oibreacha seandálaíochta a chríochnú sula dtosófar oibreacha cumasúcháin.

Tionchair Charnacha agus Tionchair ó idirghníomhaíochtaí:

Meastar gur féidir éifeachtaí de dheasca idirghníomhaíochtaí agus éifeachtaí indíreacha agus carnacha a sheachaint, a bhainistiú nó a mhaolú trí na bearta atá mar chuid den fhorbairt bheartaithe agus trí na bearta beartaithe maolaithe atá

mionsonraithe sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, sna hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024. Dá bhrí sin, ní ann d'aon rud a chuireann cosc ar cheadú na forbartha beartaithe de dheasca éifeachtaí suntasacha comhshaoil nó mar thoradh ar éifeachtaí carnacha nó ar éifeachtaí a eascróidh as idirghníomhaíochtaí idir tosca comhshaoil.

Ba dheimhin leis an gCoimisiún freisin gur tharla sé, agus cead á mheasúnú agus á dheonú aige don fhorbairt bheartaithe, gur chomhlíon sé a fheidhmeanna, a mhéid ab indéanta, ar mhodh a bhí ag teacht leis na pleananna agus na cuspóirí aeráide is infheidhme, mar a cheanglaítear le halt 15 den Acht um Ghníomhú Aeráide agus um Fhorbairt Ísealcharbóin, 2015, arna leasú.

Tháinig an Coimisiún ar an gconclúid freisin go bhfuil ceadú na forbartha beartaithe ag teacht le ceanglais na Creat-treorach Uisce (2000/20/CE) agus nach gcuirfeadh sé comhlíonadh na gceanglas sin i mbaol.

Pleanáil Chuí agus Forbairt Inchothaithe

Meastar, faoi réir na coinníollacha atá leagtha amach thíos a chomhlíonadh, go mbeadh an fhorbairt bheartaithe i gcomhréir le beartais Eorpacha (á thabhairt faoi deara gur cuireadh Calafort na Gaillimhe ar áireamh mar Chalafort Cuimsitheach sa Ghréasán Tras-Eorpach Iompair (TEN-T)), le beartais náisiúnta agus le beartais réigiúnacha agus leis na forálacha iomchuí de Phlean Forbartha Cathrach na Gaillimhe 2023-2029, arna athrú, nach ndéanfadh sí díobháil mhór do thaitneamhachtaí amhairc nó cónaithe an limistéir, nach mbeadh tionchar do-ghlactha aici ar shainghné an tírdhreacha ná ar an oidhreacht chultúrtha nó seandálaíochta, nach ndéanfadh sí dochar suntasach don bhithéagsúlacht sa limistéar, i bhfianaise bearta sonraithe cúitimh a chur chun feidhme, go mbeadh sí inghlactha ó thaobh sábháilteacht tráchta de agus go mbeadh sí ina sócmhainn bonneagair shuntasach dhearfach a rachadh chun tairbhe do Chathair na Gaillimhe agus don mhór-réigiún. Ina theannta sin, éascófar leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe iompar idirmhódúil, mar aon le tionscadail fuinnimh in-athnuaite amach ón gcósta agus ar talamh lena dtacófar go dearfach le comhlíonadh na spriocanna agus na gcuspoirí atá leagtha amach sa Phlean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide 2024 agus

sa Phlean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide 2025, agus beidh an togra le haghaidh nasc iarnróid lasta ina éascaitheoir féideartha le haghaidh lasta agus lastas a iompar go héifeachtúil chuig an Síneadh le Cuan na Gaillimhe agus uaidh araon, nuair is indéanta, chun an bealach a réiteach do thairbhí dearfacha tráchta ar bhóithre agus do thairbhí dearfacha comhshaoil. Meastar freisin go bhfuil an fhorbairt bheartaithe i gcomhréir leis na beartais atá i bpleananna náisiúnta, réigiúnacha agus áitiúla, agus bunaíodh na beartais sin faoi seach faoi chuimsiú oibleagáidí aeráide na hÉireann. Agus é ag teacht ar an gconclúid sin, bhí aird ag an gCoimisiún ar na hastaíochtaí cainníochaithe gás ceaptha teasa le linn na céime tógála agus le linn na céime oibríochtúla atá san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus is deimhin leis, cé go nginfear astaíochtaí gás ceaptha teasa le linn thógáil na forbartha beartaithe, gur féidir í a bhreithniú go fabhrach i gcomhthéacs na n-oibleagáidí foriomlána aeráide. Is deimhin leis an gCoimisiún freisin go ndearnadh riosca tuilte agus próisis chósta a mheasúnú agus a mhaolú go leordhóthanach agus go bhfuil an fhorbairt bheartaithe inghlactha sa chomhthéacs sin. Dhéanfaidh an fhorbairt bheartaithe rannchuidiú dearfach le forbairt shóisialta agus eacnamaíoch Chathair na Gaillimhe agus réigiún an Iarthuaiscirt, agus bheadh sí inghlactha i leith na n-éifeachtaí ar dóigh di a bheith aici ar an gcomhshaoil. Dá bhrí sin, bheadh an fhorbairt bheartaithe i gcomhréir le pleanáil chuí agus forbairt inchothaithe an limistéir.

COINNÍOLLACHA

1. Déanfar an fhorbairt bheartaithe agus críochnófar í i gcomhréir leis na pleananna agus na sonraí a taisceadh in éineacht leis an iarratas an 10^ú lá de mhí Eanáir 2014 agus leis an bhfaisnéis bhreise a cuireadh isteach an 16^ú lá de mhí Dheireadh Fómhair 2014 agus an 27^ú lá de mhí Mheán Fómhair 2024, seachas de réir mar is gá ar shlí eile chun na coinníollacha seo a leanas a chomhlíonadh. I gcás go gceanglófar leis na coinníollacha sin go gcomhaontófaí mionsonraí leis an údarás pleanála, comhaontóidh an forbróir

mionsonraí den sórt sin i scríbhinn leis an údarás pleanála sula dtosófar an fhorbairt, agus déanfar an fhorbairt agus críochnófar í i gcomhréir leis na sonraí comhaontaithe.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe le soiléire.

2. Cuirfear chun feidhme ina n-iomláine na bearta maolaithe agus na gealltanais chomhshaoil uile atá sainaitheanta sa Ráiteas Tionchair Natura agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura, 2024.

Cúis: Chun an comhshaoil agus sláine Láithreán Eorpach a chosaint.

3. Cuirfear chun feidhme ina n-iomláine an maolú, na gealltanais chomhshaoil agus na bearta faireacháin ar fad atá sainaitheanta sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, sna hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe le cosaint an chomhshaoil.

4. (a) Cuirfear i gcrích ina n-iomláine na gealltanais chomhshaoil uile atá sa Phlean um Bearta Cúitimh, Bearta Tionlacain agus Tairbhí Comhshaoil (Tobin Consulting Engineers agus Aquafact, 2022).
- (b) Tosófar ar na Bearta Cúitimh (atá leagtha amach i gCuid 2 den Phlean um Bearta Cúitimh, Bearta Tionlacain agus Tairbhí Comhshaoil (Tobin Consulting Engineers agus Aquafact, 2022)) a chur chun feidhme sula dtosófar an fhorbairt, agus cuirfear na bearta sonracha seo a leanas atá leagtha amach i dTábla 2-2: Bearta Cúitimh ag Maolún don ghnáthóg Idirthaoideach (Bearta 2, 3, 4, 5 agus 6) agus i dTábla 2.4: Bearta Cúitimh

ag Tamhain Thiar do Bhruach Clochach (Bearta 1, 2, 6, 8 agus 9) i gcrích sula dtosófar an fhorbairt.

- (c) Sula dtosófar an fhorbairt, déanfar an t-uainiú do na spriocanna agus na modhanna faireacháin le haghaidh chomhlíonadh na mbeart cúitimh, na mbeart tionlacain agus na dtairbhí comhshaoil eile a chomhaontú i scríbhinn leis an údarás pleanála (Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe), i gcomhairle leis an tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe lena chinntiú go gcoinneofar comhtháthú foriomlán an líonra Láithreán Eorpach ar bun.

5. Is é 10 mbliana ó dháta an Ordaithe seo a bheidh sa tréimhse ar lena linn a fhéadfar an fhorbairt bheartaithe a cheadaítear leis seo a chur i gcrích.

Cúis: Agus aird á tabhairt ar chineál na forbartha beartaithe, mheas an Coimisiún é a bheith réasúnach agus cuí tréimhse an cheada a shonrú a bheith níos faide ná cúig bliana.

6. Déanfar na gníomhaíochtaí dreidireachta don ghearradh cainéil loingseoireachta beartaithe de na dugáí agus den mhuiríne ar an taobh thiar den chuan a theorannú don chéim ina mbeidh an taoide ag dul amach.

Cúis: Chun an ghnáthóg tosaíochta murlaigh cósta i Loch an tSáile a chosaint.

7. Sula gcuirfean an fhorbairt chríochnaithe ar fáil lena háitiú, cuirfean Straitéis Bainistíochta Soghluaisteachta faoi bhráid an údaráis pleanála, agus comhaontófar í i scríbhinn leis. Leis an straitéis sin, déanfar socrú do dhreasachtaí a bheidh ceaptha chun úsáid an iompair phoiblí, na rothaíochta, an tsiúil agus na carr-roinnte a spreagadh i measc baill foirne atá fostaithe ag

coimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe agus chun an méid páirceála carranna a laghdú agus a rialáil.

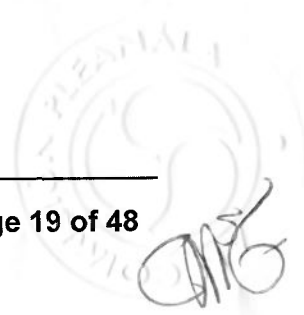
Cúis: Ar mhaithe le húsáid modhanna inbhuanaithe iompair a spreagadh.

8. Ní rachaidh na leibhéil torainn a ghinfeadh le linn thógáil na forbartha thar na teorainneacha seo a leanas: 55 dB(A) i rith an lae; 50 dB(A) um thráthnóna; agus 45 dB(A) san oíche. Is ag an teach áitithe is gaire a thomhaisfeadh leibhéil torainn. Is thar aon tréimhse uair an chloig a thomhaisfeadh an torann sonrath.

Cúis: Chun taitneamhachtaí na réadmhaoine sa chomharsanacht a chosaint.

9. Déanfar an fhorbairt bheartaithe a oibriú agus a bhainistiú i gcomhréir le Córas Bainistíochta Comhshaoil, rud a chuirfidh an forbróir faoi bhráid an údaráis pleanála, agus a chomhaontófar i scríbhinn leis, sula dtosófar an fhorbairt. Áireofar na nithe seo a leanas leis sin:

- (a) togra le haghaidh torann ar an láithreán a shochtadh agus le haghaidh faireachán a dhéanamh ag gabhdóirí íogaire,
- (b) togra le haghaidh deannach a shochtadh ar an láithreán agus ar na bóithre mórtimpeall,
- (c) togra le haghaidh breosla, limistéir stórála bealaithe agus aon substaint eile a éileoidh an t-údarás pleanála a bhundú, agus mionsonraí faoi ghníomhaíocht éigeandála, lena n-áirítear comharthaí rabhaidh i gcás doirteadh/ligean de thaisme,
- (d) mionsonraí faoi bhearta sábháilteachta do na fáлта,
- (e) sonraíocht teorainneacha i ndáil leis na paraiméadair seo a leanas: ocsaíd nítrigine; dé-ocsaíd sulfair; aonocsaíd charbóin; agus ábhar cáithnínach PM10,
- (f) faireachán ar cháilíocht, leibhéil agus scaoileadh screamhuisce agus uisce dromchla, agus



- (g) mionsonraí faoin mbainisteoir láithreáin agus faoi chomharthaí faisnéise poiblí ag an mbealach isteach.

Cúis: Chun an comhshaol agus taitneamhachtaí áitiúla a choimirciú.

10. Déanfar an scéim tírdhreachaithe atá léirithe i bhFíoracha uimhir 1 go 7, Líníochtaí Imleabhar 2D den Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta 2014, mar a cuireadh faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin Pleanála an 10^ú lá de mhí Eanáir 2014, a chur i gcrích laistigh den chéad séasúr cuir tar éis na hoibreacha tógála a chríochnú go substaintiúil. Déanfar an cur ar fad a chosaint go leordhóthanach ar dhamáiste go dtí go mbunófar iad. Aon phlandaí a éagfaidh, a bhainfear nó a thiocfaidh chun bheith an-damáistithe nó an-ghalrach laistigh de thréimhse cúig bliana ón bhforbairt bheartaithe a chríochnú, cuirfear ina n-ionad plandaí eile de mhéid chomhchosúil agus de speiceas comhchosúil laistigh den chéad séasúr cuir eile, ach amháin i gcás go gcomhaontófar a mhalairt i scríbhinn leis an údarás pleanála.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe le taitneamhacht cónaithe agus amhairc.

11. Maidir le hoibreacha forbartha agus tógála láithreáin, ní dhéanfar iad ach amháin idir 0700 agus 1900 ón Luan go dtí an Aoine, agus an dá lá sin san áireamh, agus idir 0800 agus 1400 ar an Satharn, agus ní dhéanfar aon oibreacha ar bith ar an Domhnach ná ar laethanta saoire poiblí. Ní cheadófar aon imeacht ó na hamanna sin ach amháin in imthosca ina bhfuarthas réamhcheadú i scríbhinn ón údarás pleanála.

Cúis: Chun taitneamhachtaí cónaithe na réadmhaoine sa chomharsanacht a choimirciú.

12. Bainisteofar tógáil na forbartha beartaithe i gcomhréir le Plean Bainistíochta Comhshaoil Tógála, lena n-áirítear plean bainistíochta tráchta, rud a chuirfear faoi bhráid an údaráis pleanála, agus a chomhaontófar i scríbhinn leis, sula

dtosófar an fhorbairt. Beidh sa phlean sin na bearta maolaithe uile don chéim tógála atá leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Tionchair Natura, san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura, 2024, sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus soláthrófar ann mionsonraí faoin gcleachtas beartaithe tógála don fhorbairt bheartaithe, lena n-áireofar na nithe seo a leanas, ach gan a bheith teoranta dóibh:

- (a) suíomh an láithreáin agus an chompúin/na gcompún ábhar, lena n-áireofar an limistéar/na limistéir atá sainaitheanta le haghaidh dramhaíl tógála a stóráil,
- (b) suíomh na limistéar le haghaidh oifigí láithreáin tógála agus saoráidí foirne,
- (c) mionsonraí faoi fhálta agus ballaí clár slándála ar an láithreán,
- (d) mionsonraí faoi shaoráidí páirceála carranna d'oibrithe láithreáin le linn na tógála,
- (e) mionsonraí faoi uainiú agus ródú an tráchta tógála isteach sa láithreán tógála agus amach as agus faoi threochomharthaí gaolmhara, lena n-áireofar tograí le haghaidh seachadadh ualaí neamhghnácha chuig an láithreán a éascú, más gá,
- (f) bearta chun teacht roimh chiúáil tráchta tógála ar an ngréasán tadhlaigh bóithre,
- (g) bearta chun doirteadh nó sil-leagan cré, spallaí nó smionagair eile a chosc ar an ngréasán bóithre poiblí,
- (h) na socruithe malartacha a chuirfeadh i bhfeidhm do choisithe agus feithiclí i gcás go ndúnfar aon bhóthar nó cosán poiblí le linn na n-oibreacha forbartha láithreáin,
- (i) mionsonraí faoi bhearta cuí le haghaidh torann, deannach agus tonnchrith a mhaolú agus le haghaidh faireachán a dhéanamh ar leibhéil torainn, deannaigh agus tonnchreatha,
- (j) an dóigh a ndéanfar an breosla agus an ola ar fad a bhaineann leis an tógáil a shrianadh laistigh de bhundaí saintógtha chun a chinntiú gur lánsrianta a bheidh aon doirteadh breosla. Beidh díon ar bhundaí den sórt sin chun uisce báistí a choinneáil amach,

- (k) mionsonraí faoi shoilsiú tógála,
- (l) an dóigh a ndiúscrófar dramhaíl tógála/scartála lasmuigh den láithreán, agus mionsonraí faoin dóigh a mbainistíofar ithir thochailte, agus
- (m) na modhanna chun a chinntiú go rialófar rith uisce dromchla chun srutha ionas nach rachaidh aon siolta ná truailleáin eile isteach i séaraigh nó draenacha áitiúla uisce dromchla.

Coinneofar taifead á léiriú go mbíonn seiceálacha laethúla á ndéanamh i gcomhréir leis an bPlean Bainistíochta Comhshaoil Tógála agus leis na torthaí faireacháin, de réir mar is cuí, lena iniúchadh ag an údarás pleanála.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe le taitneamhachtaí, le cosaint an chomhshaoil, leis an tsláinte phoiblí, agus le sábháilteacht.

13. Ceapfaidh an forbróir éiceolaí atá cáilithe go cuí chun faireachán a dhéanamh agus chun a chinntiú go gcuirfear gach beart seachanta/maolaithe a bhaineann le flora agus fauna a chosaint i gcrích i gcomhréir leis an dea-chleachtas éiceolaíoch.

Cúis: Chun oidhreacht comhshaoil agus nádúrtha an limistéir a chosaint.

14. Fostófar Breathnóir seanchleachta Mamach Farraige ar feadh thréimhse na n-oibreacha réamhthógála agus ar feadh thréimhse tógála na forbartha beartaithe araon. Cinnteoidh an Breathnóir Mamach Farraige nach ndéanfar aon oibreacha más rud é go bhfeicfear mamaigh farraige laistigh d'achar gathach ón bhfoinse fuaimne mar a leanas:

Píleáil tionchair -	1,900 méadar
Pléascadh -	1,500 méadar
Dreidireacht -	1,700 méadar
Suirbhé seisimeach 2T -	1,000 méadar

Déanfaidh an forbróir oibreacha réamhthógála agus tógála i gcomhréir leis an Treoir maidir le Bainistiú a Dhéanamh ar an Riosca do Mhamaigh Farraige de

dheasca Foinsí Fuaime de Dhéantús an Duine in Uiscí na hÉireann (An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta, Eanáir 2014) nó i gcomhréir le haon leagan nuashonraithe den treoir sin ón tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra.

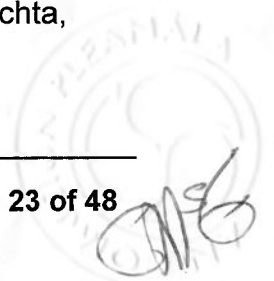
Cúis: Chun oidhreacht comhshaoil agus nádúrtha an limistéir a chosaint.

15. Maidir le socruithe soláthair agus draenála uisce, lena n-áireofar uisce dromchla a dhiúscairt, comhlíonfaidh siad ceanglais an údaráis pleanála le haghaidh oibreacha den sórt sin i leith na céime tógála agus na céime oibríochtúla araon den fhorbairt bheartaithe.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe le cosaint an chomhshaoil agus leis an tsláinte phoiblí.

16. Cuirfear chun feidhme ina n-iomláine na bearta maolaithe uile i ndáil leis an tseandálaíocht atá leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, sna hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024. Sula dtosófar oibreacha tógála, fostóidh an forbróir seandálaí atá cáilithe go cuí chun na nithe seo a leanas a dhéanamh:

- (a) Déanfar tochairt tástála spriocdhírthe faoi uisce ar W17455, ar bád briste é, chun cineál agus comhthéacs beacht an ábhair atá i láthair a shuí. Déanfar an tochairt sin i gcomhréir le Rannán 13.2.4.2 den Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus ar aon dul le haon mholtaí ón Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta. Ina dhiaidh sin, agus más rud é go n-aimseofar iarsmaí comhtháite d'aon soitheach stairiúil le linn na tástála seandálaíochta, is féidir go mbeidh tuilleadh beart maolaithe ag teastáil, lena n-áireofar an bád briste a thochailt go hiomlán. Comhaontófar aon cheanglais maolaithe seandálaíochta sa bhreis i scríbhinn leis an údarás pleanála agus le Seirbhís na Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta, an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta.



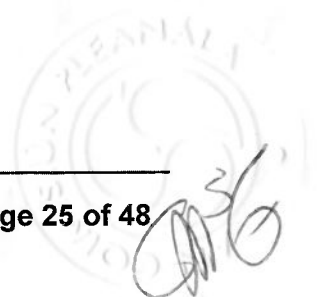
(b) Ceanglaítear ar an bhforbróir seandálaí atá cáilithe go cuí (atá ceadúnaithe faoi Achtanna na Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta) a fhostú chun Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Tionchair Seandálaíochta a chur faoi bhráid an údaráis pleanála lena comhaontú i scríbhinn aige, tar éis dul i gcomhairle leis an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta, sula ndéanfar aon oibreacha ullmhúcháin láithreáin nó aon oibreacha talún, lena n-áirítear oibreacha imscrúdaithe láithreáin, glanadh láithreáin agus/nó oibreacha tógála. Beidh sé sin sa bhreis ar aon bhearta maolaithe atá leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, sna hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024.

- i. I gcás go léireofar go bhfuil ábhar seandálaíochta i láthair, is féidir go mbeidh seachaint, slánchoimeád in situ, slánchoimeád trí thaifead (tochailt seandálaíochta) agus/nó faireachán ag teastáil.
- ii. Ní dhéanfar aon oibreacha ullmhúcháin láithreáin agus/nó aon oibreacha tógála ar an láithreán go dtí go mbeidh an tuarascáil ón seandálaí curtha faoi bhráid an údaráis pleanála agus go dtí go mbeidh cead chun dul ar aghaidh comhaontaithe i scríbhinn leis an údarás pleanála.

(c) Áireofar leis an bPlean Bainistíochta Comhshaoil Tógála suíomh na srianta seandálaíochta uile a bhaineann leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe, mar atá leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, sna hAguisíní/Earráidí a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, Deireadh Fómhair 2014, agus san Aguisín a ghabhann leis an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta, 2024, agus in aon imscrúduithe seandálaíochta ina dhiaidh sin a bhaineann leis an tionscadal. Tuairisceofar go soiléir sa Phlean Bainistíochta Comhshaoil Tógála na tionchair shainaitheanta sheandálaíochta uile, idir thionchair dhíreacha agus thionchair indíreacha, ar dóigh dóibh a bheith ann agus na bearta maolaithe uile atá le déanamh chun an timpeallacht oidhreachta seandálaíochta a chosaint le linn an láithreán a ullmhú agus le linn na gníomhaíochta tógála.

(d) Tabharfar tuarascáil seandálaíochta deiridh, ina dtabharfar tuairisc ar na torthaí ar an bhfaireachán seandálaíochta agus ar aon obair imscrúdaitheach seandálaíochta nó aon tochailt seandálaíochta a bhí ag teastáil, don údarás pleanála agus don Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta tar éis an obair seandálaíochta ar fad a chríochnú ar an láithreán agus tar éis aon sainanailís iarthochailte is gá. Is é an forbróir a íocfaidh na costais seandálaíochta iarmhartacha agus ghaolmhara uile.

Cúis: Chun an tionscadal a ailíniú le hoibleagáidí reachtúla agus le cuspóirí beartais le haghaidh oidhrecht seandálaíochta faoi uisce an Stáit a chosaint agus chun slánchoimeád leantach áiteanna, uaimheanna, láithreán, gnéithe agus rudaí eile is díol spéise ó thaobh seandálaíochta a chinntiú (cibé acu in situ nó trí thaifead).



Application for permission under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in accordance with plans and particulars, including an Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement, lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 10th day of January 2014 by Galway Harbour Company care of TOBIN Consulting Engineers of Fairgreen House, Fairgreen Road, County Galway, as amended by the further information received on the 16th day of October 2014 and the 27th day of September 2024.

Proposed development: The proposed development of an extension of Galway Harbour including:

- i. quay walls, breakwaters and wave walls to create commercial quays and a deep-water docking facility, extending southwards into Galway Bay,
- ii. dredging to create a new approach channel to the commercial quays and the deep-water docking facility berths,
- iii. reclamation of approximately 27 hectares from the foreshore and seabed,
- iv. development of the reclaimed lands and redevelopment of part of the adjacent Galway Harbour Enterprise Park lands for harbour related business,
- v. marina on the western side,
- vi. fishing quays, slipway for a lifeboat station and a nautical centre on the eastern side,
- vii. a twin track freight rail link from the existing Galway to Dublin rail line to the commercial quays, including embankments, rail over-bridge to existing service road and noise abatement screening,
- viii. the construction of oil and bitumen transfer pipelines to the existing oil and bitumen tank farms on the Galway Harbour Enterprise Park and the provision of fire water storage facilities. This falls within the remit of European Union Directive (96/82 EC) on the control of Major Accident Hazards, known as the SEVESO II Directive,
- ix. harbour related buildings, including port operations office (four storeys), harbour management warehouse (single storey), marina office (single storey), passenger terminal (single storey), and ancillary car parking and site services, including three number Electricity Supply Board sub-stations, demolition of one number Electricity Supply Board sub-station, three number control offices and

oil terminal water pumphouse and a helicopter pad for search and rescue purposes,

- x. the construction/improvement of access roads, including the horizontal and vertical realignment of the road under Lough Atalia Road Rail Bridge (a protected structure) and realignment and improvements including traffic lights at Dock Road/ Bóther na Long/ Galway Harbour Enterprise Park Access Road junction (adjacent to Harbour Hotel),
- xi. the provision of landscaping and amenity areas, including replacement of the previously permitted amenity strip from the southern seaward boundary of the Galway Harbour Enterprise Park to form an amenity link from the marina to the nautical centre, and,
- xii. the proposal includes for all associated temporary and permanent site development (including service roads/ realignment of roads and underground works), landscape works (including public lighting and services) and activities to facilitate the construction of the development.

All located in the townlands of Renmore and Townparks, County Galway

Decision

Grant permission under section 37G of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

Determine under section 37H(2)(c) the sum to be paid by the applicant in respect of costs associated with the application as set out in the Schedule of Costs below.



Reasons and Considerations

In performing its functions in relation to the making of its decision, the Commission made its decision consistent with:

- Section 15(1) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, as amended by Section 17 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, and the requirement to, in so far as practicable, perform its functions in a manner consistent with the Climate Action Plan 2024 and the Climate Action Plan 2025 and the national long term climate action strategy, national adaptation framework and approved sectoral adaptation plans and in furtherance of the objective of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change in the State, and
- Directive 2000/60/EC, the Water Framework Directive and the requirement to exercise its functions in a manner which is consistent with the provisions of the Directive, and which achieves or promotes compliance with the requirements of the Directive.

Furthermore, in coming to its decision, the Commission had regard to the following:

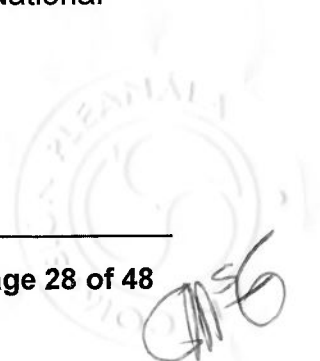
- (a) European, national, regional and local planning, energy, climate and other policy of relevance, including in particular the following:

European Policy/Legislation:

- i. Directive 2011/92/EU (Environmental Impact Assessment Directive),
- ii. Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive), and Directive 79/409/EEC as amended by 2009/147/EC (Birds Directive), and
- iii. the inclusion of the Port of Galway as a Comprehensive Port in the Trans European Network – Transport (TEN-T network).

National Policy and Guidance including:

- i. Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework, including the National Planning Framework First Revision, April 2025,
- ii. National Development Plan 2021-2030,



- iii. National Marine Planning Framework, 2021,
- iv. National Ports Policy, 2013,
- v. the objectives of Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023–2030,
- vi. Climate Action Plans 2024 and 2025,
- vii. Ireland's Long-term Strategy on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction, 2024, and
- viii. National Energy and Climate Plan 2021-2030.

Regional and local policy:

- i. Northern and Western Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032,
 - ii. Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029, as varied, and,
 - iii. Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, as varied.
- (b) the location, nature, scale and layout of the proposed development,
- (c) the range of mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Impact Statement, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata, October 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement addendum, 2024; Natura Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement Addendum, 2024; and Compensatory Measures Plan, Accompanying Measures and Additional Environmental Benefits,
- (d) the expert reports on marine ecology, marine hydrology and water quality prepared on behalf of the Commission,
- (e) the submissions received in relation to the application by all parties and observers, at all stages of the process, including those received in 2014, the submissions made at the oral hearing held on 6th day of January 2015 (preliminary hearing) and held over several days between 13th day of January 2015 and 23rd day of January 2015, and submissions made subsequent to circulation of the Further Information received from the applicant on 27th day of September 2024, noting in particular that all material considerations and commentaries have been fully ventilated and circulated both during the initial

2014/2015 period, (before the Direction dated 25th day of September 2015, of the (then) Board to pursue the Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest (IROPI) option) and during the period subsequent to the opinion of the Minister in 2024 that the compensatory measures proposed are sufficient to ensure the overall coherence of the Natura 2000 network is protected and thus that a planning determination of the case can proceed, such that the Commission has engaged in full with all material considerations and was satisfied that it had before it all information necessary to determine the application with no need for further exercises such as a reopening of the oral hearing or any further circulation of material,

- (f) the Direction of the (then) Board dated 25th day of September 2015,
- (g) the (then) Board letter dated 24th day of March 2021, to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage enclosing the Statement of Case for Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest,
- (h) the notice pursuant to section 177AB(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, issued by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 27th day of February 2024, stating his opinion that the compensatory measures proposed are sufficient to ensure the overall coherence of the Natura 2000 network is protected, and
- (i) the reports and recommendations of the Inspectors, comprising the original report dated 27th day of February 2015, the supplementary report dated 6th day of October 2020, and the final addendum report dated 4th day of February 2026.

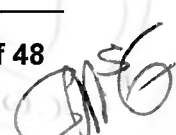
Appropriate Assessment: Stage 1

The Commission considered the original appropriate assessment and conclusions carried out in 2015 and having regard to the passage of time since the application was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála, the Commission proceeded to carry out a further appropriate assessment screening exercise based on updated and other relevant information, in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on designated European Sites. The Commission noted that the proposed

development is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of a European Site and considered the nature, scale, and location of the proposed development, as well as the Addendum report of the Inspector.

The Commission agreed with and adopted the updated screening assessment and conclusion carried out in the final Addendum Inspector's report that the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268), Slieve Toomey/Tormore Island/Loughros Beg Bay Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000190), Inishbofin and Inishshark Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000278), Lough Corrib Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000297), Slyne Head Islands Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000328), Duvillaun Islands Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000495), Inishkea Islands Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000507), Maumturk Mountains Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002008), Connemara Bog Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002034), Kilkieran Bay and Islands Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002111), Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002165), Blasket Islands Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002172), West Connacht Coast Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002998), Donegal Bay (Murvagh) Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000133), St. John's Point Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000191), Inishmore Island Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000213), Killala Bay/Moy Estuary Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000458), Ballysadare Bay Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000622), Bunduff Lough and Machair/Trawalua/Mullaghmore Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000625), Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000627), Clew Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 001482), Slyne Head Peninsula Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002074), Inner Galway Bay Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004031) and Lough Corrib Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004042) are the European Sites for which there is a likelihood of significant effects.

The Commission concluded that, having regard to the qualifying interests for which all other European Sites were designated and in the absence of viable connections to, and distance from the application site, these could be screened out from further



consideration and that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans and projects would not be likely to have significant effects on any other European Sites in view of the Sites' conservation objectives and that the Stage 2 appropriate assessment is therefore not required in relation to these European Sites.

Appropriate Assessment: Stage 2

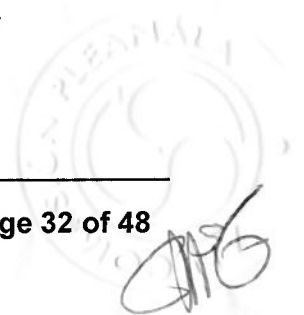
The Commission considered the Natura Impact Statement as originally submitted and the Natura Impact Statement Addendum, 2024, and carried out an appropriate assessment of the implications of the proposal for the above referenced European Sites, in view of the Sites' conservation objectives.

The Commission considered that the information before it was adequate to allow the carrying out of an appropriate assessment including the final addendum report of the Inspector and the associated expert report of the marine ecologist. In completing the assessment, the Commission considered:

- i. the likely direct and indirect impacts arising from the proposed development both individually or in combination with other plans or projects,
- ii. the mitigation measures which are included as part of the current proposal, and
- iii. the conservation objectives for the European Sites.

In completing the appropriate assessment, the Commission accepted and adopted the appropriate assessment carried out in the Inspectors' reports and the conclusions reached in the final Addendum Inspector's Report in respect of the potential effects of the proposed development on the aforementioned European Sites, having regard to the conservation objectives.

In overall conclusion, the Commission was satisfied beyond reasonable scientific doubt that the proposed development, including the mitigation measures set out in the application documentation and which are secured by condition, would not adversely affect the integrity of the above referenced European Sites, or any other European Site, with the exception of Galway Bay Complex Special Area of

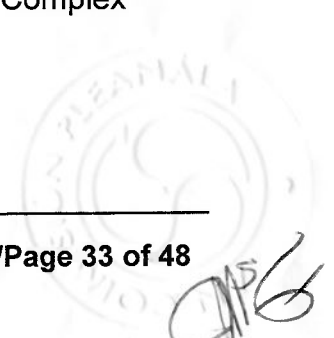


Conservation (Site Code: 000268), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, in view of the Sites' conservation objectives.

Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest

Subsequent to consideration of all relevant material and submissions on file, the Commission confirmed its original conclusion that the integrity of the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268) would be adversely affected by the proposed development. Notwithstanding a negative assessment of the implications for the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268), it is considered that the proposed development must nevertheless be given for the proposed development for imperative reasons of overriding public interest, namely the need to ensure the continued operation of Galway as a regional port and the long term social or economic benefits of the proposed development. The imperative reasons of overriding public interest that necessitate the giving of consent for the proposed development are:

- (a) The proposal presents an integrated development that enhances the social, economic and recreational benefits of the port for the wider benefit of the population of Galway and its regional hinterland.
- (b) The enhancement of the port serving the region aligns with European, national and regional policies in favour of balanced spatial and economic development.
- (c) The port and the tradition of maritime trade is fundamental not just to the economy of Galway but also to its culture and identity.
- (d) Failing to address the existing constraints of the port would make the port unviable and lead to the demise of the port in the medium to long term and would fail to address the existing SEVESO constraints, as transposed by the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations, would impede tourism and the potential to develop a new urban quarter.
- (e) Alternative proposals within the bay were not feasible and would result in greater impacts on the conservation objectives of the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268).



- (f) Shifting commercial shipping activity away from Galway to Shannon-Foynes would impair the Port of Galway's ability to fulfil its role as a designated Comprehensive Port in the Trans-European Transport Network and it may also undermine Galway's development as a an important driver of national growth and key regional centre in the National Planning Framework, and would inhibit marine/leisure expansion within Galway City.
- (g) The social and economic benefits of the project include positive impacts to tourism, marine research and development, including offshore renewable energy, urban regeneration, and marine leisure opportunities.
- (h) The loss of qualifying interests of the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268) has been expressly weighed against the imperative reasons for the proposed development which are primarily social and economic in nature.

The Commission concluded that there are no feasible alternatives to the extension to Galway Harbour that would result in reduced impacts on the habitats, species and integrity of the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268).

Having regard to the totality of the documentation on file, the Commission is satisfied that the proposals for compensatory measures for the direct and permanent loss of fucoid-dominated reef habitat (Habitat Code: 1170), mud and sandflat not covered by seawater at low tide (Habitat Code: 1140), and the loss of perennial vegetation on stony banks (Habitat Code: 1220) due to sheltering, all in the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268) are sufficient to ensure that the overall coherence of the European Site network is protected and are considered to address the impacts on the integrity of the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268) and, with associated accompanying measures and additional environmental benefits. In this regard the Commission has considered the Notice pursuant to section 177AB(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, issued by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 27th day of February 2024. That Notice confirms the opinion of the Minister that the compensatory measures proposed are sufficient to ensure that the overall coherence of the European Site network is protected. The

Commission also noted that pursuant to the Notice received from the Minister under section 177AB(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, it may (as the competent authority) decide to grant consent for the proposed development with or without conditions.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Commission completed an environmental impact assessment of the proposed development, taking into account:

- (a) the nature, scale, location, and extent of the proposed development,
- (b) the Environmental Impact Statement, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 and associated documentation submitted with the application,
- (c) the submissions received during the course of the application, and
- (d) the Inspectors' report and recommendation, supported by the reports of the Marine Ecologist, Marine Hydrologist and Environmental Scientist.

The Commission noted that the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Directive does not apply to this current planning application and the statutory exercise of environmental assessment has been carried out by reference to the applicable European Union Directive as transposed at the time of the making of the application (Directive 2011/92/EU (Environmental Impact Assessment Directive)). Nevertheless and to provide a fluency of language and form, the assessment has incorporated referencing to the following headings; population and human health, biodiversity, with particular attention to the species and habitats protected under the Habitats and Birds Directives (Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC respectively), land, soil, water, air and climate, material assets, cultural heritage and the landscape, the interaction between these factors and has included a reasoned conclusion.

The Commission considered that the Environmental Impact Statement, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014 and the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024, supported by the documentation submitted by the applicant, adequately considers alternatives for the proposed development and identifies and describes adequately the direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment. The



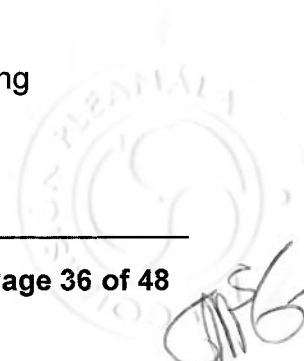
Commission agreed with the examination, set out in the final Addendum Inspector's report, of the information contained in the Environmental Impact Statement, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 and associated documentation submitted by the applicant, and submissions made during the course of the planning application.

The Commission concluded that, subject to the implementation of mitigation measures proposed, as set out in the Environmental Impact Statement, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024, and subject to compliance with the conditions set out herein, the effects on the environment of the proposed development by itself and cumulatively with other existing and permitted development in the vicinity would be acceptable. In doing so, the Commission adopted the final Addendum report and conclusions of the reporting Inspector.

Reasoned Conclusions on the Significant Effects:

Having regard to the examination of environmental information contained above, and in particular to the Environmental Impact Statement, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 and supplementary information provided by the applicant, and to the submission from the planning authority, prescribed bodies and observers in the course of the application, it is considered that the main significant direct, indirect or cumulative impacts on the environment, of the development permitted herein are, and will be mitigated as follows:

1. Construction activity will give rise to **noise and vibration** emissions, particularly during piling, underwater blasting and dredging activities. The impacts from such activities would be adequately mitigated by:
 - (a) Adherence to identified emission limit values and guidelines for such activities (BS 5607:1998),
 - (b) The short-term nature of the activities and limits on daily blasting activities.



- (c) The use of marine mammal exclusion zones and marine mammal observers during construction works.
 - (d) Separation from the shoreline and sensitive receptors.
 - (e) On-going monitoring.
2. Negative impacts on **biodiversity** arising from construction and operation activities. These impacts will be mitigated through the adherence to best practice construction measures and the implementation of a final Construction Environmental Management Plan. Construction of the development will also result in the direct loss of marine environment habitats. These impacts would be adequately mitigated by the implementation of the Compensatory Measures Plan, Accompanying Measures and Additional Environmental Benefits.
 3. Release of suspended solids and **soil** disturbance into Galway Bay, with associated siltation on seabed. These impacts would be adequately mitigated by:
 - (a) Removal of soils from over rock to curtail soil disturbance from the drilling, blasting and removal of rock.
 - (b) Balance of sediment dredging and re-use as land reclamation.
 - (c) Minimum release of suspended sediments to sea by the implementation of suitable construction methods.
 4. Release of suspended solids into the **water** in Galway Bay, with associated siltation on seabed and the release of contaminants from increased suspended sediment concentrations during dredging. The impacts from such activities would be adequately mitigated by turbidity meters at dredge sites to record and control appropriate working over water to ensure that dredging is controlled.
 5. Adverse impact on **landscape and visual** impact during construction and on completion of the proposed development. This has been mitigated at design stage and includes a landscaping scheme to reduce the long-term visual impact.
 6. During construction, there will be temporary negative **Traffic and Transport** effect with heavy goods vehicle construction traffic flow generated by the development on the street network. This will be mitigated by the implementation of the detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan.

7. Excavation and development of the site will give rise to direct impacts on features of **archaeological** interest and previously unrecorded features. The impacts would be adequately mitigated by:
- (a) Full resolution of all archaeological sites and areas identified during archaeological testing and underwater surveys.
 - (b) Compliance with the National Monuments Acts and the Construction and Environmental Management Plan.
 - (c) A method statement for archaeological works will be agreed with the National Monuments Service, with fieldwork and monitoring by a suitably qualified and licensed archaeological contractor.
 - (d) Completion of archaeological works prior to commencing enabling works.

Cumulative Impacts and Impacts from interactions:

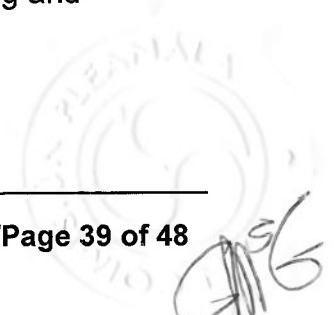
It is considered that effects as a result of interactions, indirect and cumulative effects can be avoided, managed or mitigated by the measures which form part of the proposed development, and the proposed mitigations measures detailed in the Environmental Impact Statement, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024. There is, therefore, nothing to prevent the approval of the proposed development on the grounds of significant environmental effects, or as a result of cumulative effects or effects arising from interactions between environmental factors.

The Commission was also satisfied that in assessing and granting permission for the proposed development, it has, in so far as practicable, performed its functions in a manner consistent with the applicable climate plans and objectives as required by section 15 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act, 2015, as amended.

The Commission also concluded that approval of the proposed development is consistent with and would not jeopardise compliance with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (2000/20/EC).

Proper Planning and Sustainable Development

It is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would be in accordance with European (noting the inclusion of the Port of Galway as a Comprehensive Port in the Trans-European Transport Network TEN-T), national and regional policies and with the relevant provisions of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 as varied, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or have an unacceptable impact on the character of the landscape or on cultural or archaeological heritage, would not significantly adversely affect biodiversity in the area with the implementation of specified compensatory measures, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and would constitute a significant and positive infrastructural asset benefit to Galway City and the wider region. Furthermore, the proposed development will accommodate inter-modal transport, facilitate offshore and onshore renewable energy projects which will positively support the delivery of the goals and objectives set out in the Climate Action Plan 2024 and 2025 and that the proposal to include a freight rail link will be a potential facilitator for freight and cargo to be efficiently transported to and from the Galway Harbour Extension, when viable, to allow positive road traffic and environmental benefits. The proposed development is also considered to be in accordance with national, regional and local plan policy and these respective policies of themselves have been constituted within the framework of Ireland's climate obligations. In reaching this conclusion, the Commission had regard to the quantified construction and operational greenhouse gas emissions in the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 and is satisfied that, while the proposed development by its construction will generate greenhouse gas emissions, it can be considered favourably within the context of overall climate obligations. The Commission is also satisfied that flood risk and coastal processes have been adequately assessed and mitigated and that the proposed development is acceptable in this context. The proposed development would make a positive contribution towards the social and economic development of Galway City and the Northwestern region and would be acceptable in respect of its likely effects on the environment. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



CONDITIONS

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application on the 10th day of January 2014, and further information submitted on the 16th day of October 2014 and the 27th day of September 2024, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. All mitigation and environmental commitments identified in the Natura Impact Statement and the Natura Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 shall be implemented in full.

Reason: To protect the environment and the integrity of European Sites.

3. All mitigation, environmental commitments and monitoring measures identified in the Environmental Impact Statement, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 shall be implemented in full.

Reason: In the interest of the protection of the environment.

4. (a) All environmental commitments contained in the Compensatory Measures Plan, Accompanying Measures Plan and Environmental Benefits (Tobin Consulting Engineers and Aquafact, 2022) shall be carried out in full.

- (b) The implementation of the Compensatory Measures (set out in Part 2 of Compensatory Measures Plan, Accompanying Measures Plan and Environmental Benefits (Tobin Consulting Engineers and Aquafact, 2022)) shall be commenced prior to commencement of development, and the following specific measures outlined in Table 2-2: Compensatory Measures at Mweeloon for Intertidal (Measures 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) and Table 2.4: Compensatory Measures at Tawin West for Stony Bank (Measures 1, 2, 6, 8 and 9) shall be completed prior to commencement of development.
- (c) Prior to commencement of development, the timing for the targets and monitoring methods for the achievement of the compensatory measures, accompanying measures and other environmental benefits shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority (Galway City Council) in consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

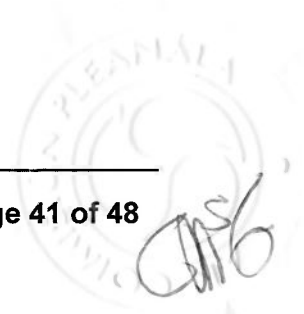
Reason: In the interest of ensuring that the overall coherence of the European Site network is maintained.

5. The period during which the proposed development hereby permitted may be carried out shall be 10 years from the date of this Order.

Reason: Having regard to the nature of the proposed development, the Commission considered it reasonable and appropriate to specify a period of the permission in excess of five years.

6. Dredging activities for the proposed navigation channel section to the docks and marina on the west side of the harbour shall be confined to the outgoing ebbing flow phase.

Reason: In order to protect the coastal lagoon priority habitat in Lough Atalia.



7. Prior to the making available for occupation of the completed development, a Mobility Management Strategy shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority. This shall provide for incentives to encourage the use of public transport, cycling, walking and car-pooling by staff employed at the Galway Harbour complex and to reduce and regulate the extent of car parking.

Reason: In the interest of encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport.

8. The noise levels generated during the construction of the development shall not exceed the following limits: 55 dB(A) during daytime, 50 dB(A) during evening time and 45dB(A) during night-time when measured at the nearest existing occupied house. When measuring the specific noise, the time shall be any one-hour period.

Reason: In order to protect the amenities of property in the vicinity.

9. The proposed development shall be operated and managed in accordance with an Environmental Management System which shall be submitted by the developer and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This shall include the following:
- (a) proposal for the suppression of on-site noise and monitoring at sensitive receptors,
 - (b) proposal for the suppression of dust on site and on the surrounding roads,
 - (c) proposal for the bunding of fuel, lubrication storage areas and any other substance as required by the planning authority and details of emergency action including warning sign in the event of accidental spillage/leakage,
 - (d) details of safety measures for the fencing,
 - (e) specification of limits in relation to the following parameters, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and PM10 particulate matter,

- (f) monitoring of ground and surface water quality, levels and discharges, and,
- (g) details of site manager and public information signs at entrance.

Reason: In order to safeguard the environment and local amenities.

10. The landscaping scheme shown on Figure numbers 1 to 7, Volume 2D Drawings, Environmental Impact Statement, 2014, as submitted to the An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 10th day of January 2014 shall be carried out within the first planting season following substantial completion of the construction works. All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the proposed development, shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

11. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be permitted in circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

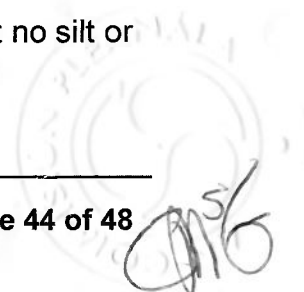
12. The construction of the proposed development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction and Environmental Management Plan,



including traffic management plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

This plan shall incorporate all the construction stage mitigation measures outlined in the Natura Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement Addendum, 2024, Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 and shall provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including and not limited to:

- (a) location of the site and materials compound(s) including area(s) identified for the storage of construction refuse,
- (b) location of areas for construction site offices and staff facilities,
- (c) details of site security fencing and hoardings,
- (d) details of car parking facilities for site workers during the course of construction,
- (e) details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site if required,
- (f) measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network,
- (g) measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble, or other debris on the public road network,
- (h) alternative arrangements to be put in place for pedestrians and vehicles in the case of the closure of any public road or footpath during the course of site development works,
- (i) details of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration, and monitoring of such levels,
- (j) containment of all construction-related fuel and oil within specially constructed bunds to ensure that fuel spillages are fully contained. Such bunds shall be roofed to exclude rainwater,
- (k) details of construction lighting,
- (l) off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil, and,
- (m) means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains.



A record of daily checks that the works are being undertaken in accordance with the Construction and Environment Management Plan and monitoring results as appropriate shall be kept for inspection by the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of amenities, environmental protection, public health, and safety.

13. The developer shall appoint a suitably qualified ecologist to monitor and ensure that all avoidance/ mitigation measures relating to the protection of flora and fauna are carried out in accordance with best ecological practice.

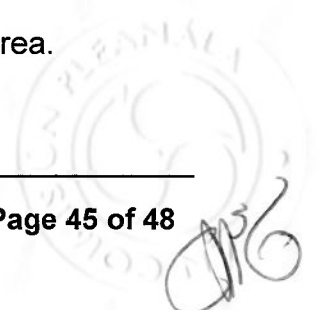
Reason: To protect the environmental and natural heritage of the area.

14. An experienced Marine Mammal Observer shall be engaged for the duration of the pre-construction works in addition to the construction period of the proposed development. The Marine Mammal Observer will ensure no works shall proceed if marine mammals are observed within a radial distance of the sound source as follows:

Impact piling -	1,900 metres
Blasting -	1,500 metres
Dredging -	1,700 metres
2D seismic survey -	1,000 metres

The developer shall carry out pre-construction and construction works in accordance with Guidance to Manage the Risk to Marine Mammals from Man-made Sound Sources in Irish Waters (Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, January 2014) or in accordance with any updated version of this National Parks and Wildlife Service guidance.

Reason: To protect the environmental and natural heritage of the area.



15. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works in respect of both the construction and operation phases of the proposed development.

Reason: In the interests of environmental protection and public health.

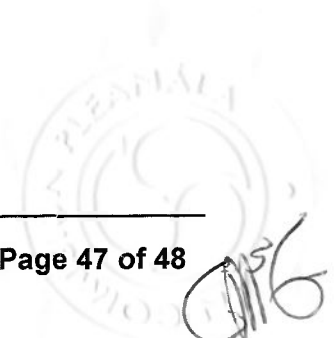
16. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology as set out in the Environmental Impact Statement, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, and the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 shall be implemented in full. In advance of the commencement of construction works, the developer shall engage a suitably qualified archaeologist to carry out the following:
 - (a) An underwater target test excavation shall be carried out on the wreck W17455 to establish the precise nature and context of the material present. This excavation shall be carried out in accordance with Section 13.2.4.2 of the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 and in line with any recommendations of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Following this and should coherent remains of a historic vessel be uncovered during the archaeological testing, further mitigation measures may be necessary, including full excavation of the wreck. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority and the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
 - (b) The developer is required to employ a suitably qualified archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) to submit an Archaeological Impact Assessment Report for the written agreement of the planning authority, following consultation with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in advance of any site preparation works or groundworks, including site investigation works/ site clearance/ and/or construction works. This shall be in addition to any mitigation measures outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement, the Environmental Impact



Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, and the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024.

- iv. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in-situ, preservation by record (archaeological excavation) and/ or monitoring may be required.
 - v. No site preparation and/ or construction works shall be carried out on site until the archaeologist's report has been submitted to and approval to proceed is agreed in writing with the planning authority.
- (c) The Construction and Environmental Management Plan shall include the location of any and all archaeological constraints relevant to the proposed development as set out in the Environmental Impact Statement, the Environmental Impact Statement Addenda-Errata October, 2014, and the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, 2024 and by any subsequent archaeological investigations associated with the project. The Construction and Environmental Management Plan shall clearly describe all identified likely archaeological impacts, both direct and indirect, and all mitigation measures to be employed to protect the archaeological heritage environment during all phases of site preparation and construction activity.
- (d) The planning authority and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of archaeological monitoring and of any archaeological investigative work/ excavation required, following the completion of all archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the developer.

Reason: In order to align the project with statutory obligations and policy objectives for the protection of the State's underwater archaeological heritage and to ensure the continued preservation (either in *situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features and other objects of archaeological interest.



Sceideal Costas/Schedule of Costs

I gcomhréir le halt 37H(2)(c) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, ceanglaíonn an Coimisiún go n-íocfadh an t-iarratasóir na costais seo a leanas i leith na gcostas a thabhaigh an Coimisiún, an t-údarás pleanála agus daoine a rinne aighneachtaí chuig an gCoimisiún, nó a thug tuairimí dó, le linn dó breithniú a dhéanamh ar an iarratas:

In accordance with section 37H(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission requires the following costs to be paid by the applicant towards costs incurred by the Commission, the planning authority and by persons who made submissions/observations to the Commission in its consideration of the application:

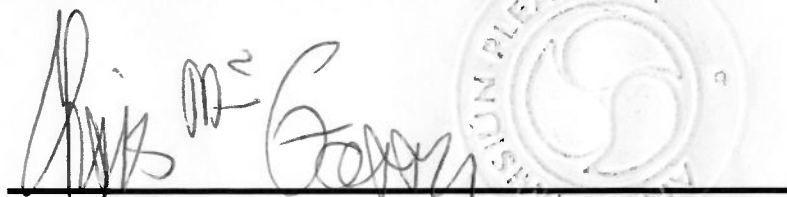
Leis an gCoimisiún Pleanála / To An Coimisiún Pleanála **€403,381**

Le Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe / To Galway City Council **€12,612**

Le Cuideachta Phort na Sionainne agus Fhainge / To Shannon Foynes Port Company **€6,132**

Tá miondealú ar chostais an Choimisiúin leagtha amach in Aguisín 1 atá ceangailte leis seo

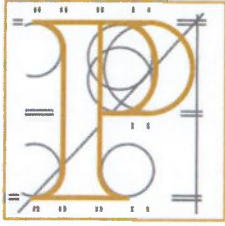
A breakdown of the Commission's costs is set out in the attached Appendix 1.



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Arna dhátú an 7^ú lá seo de Aibreán 2026

Dated this 7th day of April 2026



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Ordú ón gCoimisiún –
Aguisín 1

Commission Order –
Appendix 1

PA0033

**Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh
Strategic Infrastructure Development**

**Costais a bhaineann leis an Iarratas a chinneadh
Costs of determining the Application**

Cás-Uimhir/Case Number: PA0033

Forbairt Bheartaithe: Síneadh le Cuan na Gaillimhe i mBailte Fearainn na Rinne Móire agus Pháirceanna an Bhaile, Contae na Gaillimhe

Proposed Development: Galway Harbour Extension in Renmore and Townparks Townlands, County Galway

Costais an Choimisiúin		
(1)	Costas (a ríomhadh bunaithe ar am an Chigire) Cigire 1 (comhairliúchán réamhiarratais) €57,121 Cigire 2 (iarratas) €141,488 Cigire 3 (aguisín) €151,167.50 Scóipeáil €6,660	€356,436.50
Costais a sonrascadh don Choimisiún		
	Taifeadadh den Éisteacht ó Bhéal - €6,327.50	€159,544.77
	Sainchomhairleoireacht - €152,017.27	
	Ionad Tionóil - €1,200	
	Iomlán na gcostas is inmhuirearaithe	€515,981.27
Táillí an Choimisiúin		
(3)	Táille Iarratais - €100,000 Táille Comhairliúcháin Réamhiarratais (PC0012) - €4,500 Táille Comhairliúcháin Réamhiarratais (PC0150) - €4,500	€109,000
(4)	Táillí breathnóra a íocadh	€3,600
	Iomlán	€112,600
	An glanmhéid atá le gnóthú ón iarratasóir	€403,381



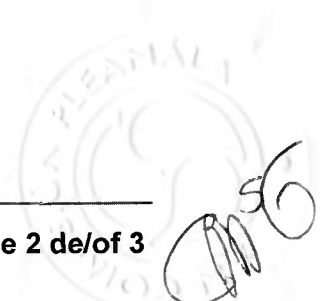
Commission Costs		
(1)	Cost (calculated based on Inspector's time) Inspector 1 (pre-application consultation) €57,121 Inspector 2 (application) €141,488 Inspector 3 (addendum) €151,167.50 Scoping €6,660	€356,436.50
Costs invoiced to Commission		
	OH Recording - €6,327.50	
	Consultancy - €152,017.27	€159,544.77
	Venue - €1,200	
	Total chargeable costs	€515,981.27
Commission Fees		
(3)	Application Fee - €100,000 Pre-application Consultation Fee (PC0012) €4,500 Pre-application Consultation Fee (PC0150) - €4,500	€109,000
(4)	Observer fees paid	€3,600
	Total	€112,600
	Net amount due to be recouped from the applicant	€403,381

Suim a mheasann an Coimisiún a bheith réasúnach, atá le híoc ag an iarratasóir leis an údarás pleanála.

	Ainm an Údaráis Pleanála	
(1)	Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe	€ 12,612

Sum which the Commission considers reasonable, to be paid by the applicant to the planning authority.

	Name of Planning Authority	
(1)	Galway City Council	€ 12,612



Suim atá le híoc ag an iarratasóir le daoine eile mar ranníoc i leith na gcostas a thabhaigh na daoine sin le linn an t-iarratas a bhreithniú.

	Ainm an Duine	
(1)	Cuideachta Phort na Sionainne agus Fhainge	€ 6,132

Sum to be paid by the applicant to other persons as a contribution to the costs incurred by such persons during the course of consideration of the application.

	Name of Person	
(1)	Shannon Foynes Port Company	€ 6,132



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