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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SUBMISSION RELATED TO THE RESPONSE TO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE N6 GALWAY CITY RING ROAD 2018 (ABP REF. 302885-18)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Tom Phillips + Associates (TPA), Town Planning Consultants, in association with PM Group, Julian Keenan of Trafficwise Ltd. and Eugene F. Collins Solicitors have been retained by Boston Scientific Limited (Boston Scientific), Ballybrit Business Park, Galway to prepare this submission.

This submission is being made having reviewed Galway County Council's response to An Bord Pleanála's Request for Further Information concerning the proposed N6 Galway City Ring Road 2018 (N6 GCRR 2018). Given that a valid submission has already been made on the application and the appropriate observation fee of €50 has been paid, no other fee is due.

As with our earlier submission, this submission relates to the Parkmore Link Road aspect of the proposed development and associated CPO of lands in our Client's ownership at Ballybrit Business Park, Galway. We reiterate that our Client is fully supportive of improvements to the transportation infrastructure and connectivity of Galway. However, the proposed alignment of the Parkmore Link Road will adversely affect the Boston Scientific lands to a disproportionate extent.

While we note that some limited additional information has been submitted to the Board in relation to this particular part of the proposed scheme, we would note that none of our client's concerns has been satisfactorily addressed.

The alignment of the Parkmore Link Road, as currently proposed, is considered unreasonable and contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area for the following reasons:

- It severs the Boston Scientific lands significantly restricting future expansion and causing a serious adverse impact to a major national employer and Foreign Direct Investor.

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- Alternative Options have not been given due regard and this is contrary to the 2014 EIA Directive and prevents the Board from carrying out a robust EIA.
- There is a disproportionate adverse impact on our Client's lands.
- Indicative and aspirational cycle routes in the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS) have been erroneously and unreasonably accorded the weight of fixed routes, thus preventing a comprehensive consideration of alternative scenarios.
- The proposed routing of the Parkmore Link Road through the Boston Scientific site does not accord with the planning policy context and therefore is contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

We look forward to a future opportunity of making further submissions at an Oral Hearing.

Sincerely,

Gavin Lawlor
Director
Tom Phillips + Associates

