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An Bord Pleanála  
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Dear Sir/Madam

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24 OCT 2019  
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22 October 2019

**RE: SUBMISSION RELATED TO THE RESPONSE TO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE N6 GALWAY CITY RING ROAD 2018 (Application Ref: 07.302848)**

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, we have serious concerns with the N6 GCRR 2018 planning application and its impacts on the Lower Dangan environment. In summary our objection is based on a number of substantive issues, namely;

- a. The case for the Galway N6 motorway scheme is insufficient and is not in accordance of proper development & planning. The proposed routing of a motorway through Dangan Lower does not accord with the planning policy context and therefore is contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- b. The investigation of all alternatives within the EIAR are inadequate. 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. Section 4.8.4 in the EIAR contains a poor and inaccurate assessment of the impacts to the Dangan-Bushypark area.
- c. The procedures used in the selection of the route were unfair and most certainly not in the best interests of people, families and communities.
- d. The scheme will generate serious health & safety risks to people in adjacent homes, schools and businesses. We refer to an article from The Lancet journal entitled: "Living near major roads and the incidence of dementia, Parkinson's disease, and multiple sclerosis: a population based cohort study". This was published in February 2017.
- e. The impact on the human habitat is unimaginable and grossly misunderstood in comparison to ecology. The damage is extraordinary and is not in accordance with proper development & planning.
  - i. Critical city amenities being destroyed; NUIG sports fields, Letteragh lands, Cappagh\Ballymoneen Natural Heritage Area and Dangan Corrib Riverside.
  - ii. Emerging Route proposes significant tracts of road elevated on 7-9 metre embankments, rendering constructions highly intrusive in high amenity areas.
- f. The lack of a coherent public transport solution as an alternative to the N6 GCRR 2018 infrastructure proposal is shocking and is in serious contravention with regard to our national obligations in reducing carbon emissions. The prioritisation of a road motorway since the initiation of this project in 2013 is a clear failure to understand the complex nature and varied solutions required to reduce car dependency in Galway City & surrounding environs.

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

Sincerely,

  
**Michael & Trisha Murphy**