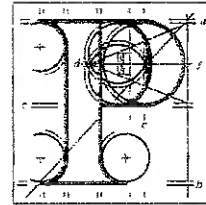


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Date: 08 November 2024

Re: Development at Long Point, Lake Road (R351)
Knockanima, Loughrea, County Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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A submission concerning Loughrea Long Point Amenity Enhancement Part 10

Planning application

Dear Madam, Sir,

I sail/fish/kayak on Lough Rea and along with others use the slipway to get on off the water with my boat or kayak at the old sailing club long point. I have been a member of the Loughrea Anglers Association since 1977/1978 and sailed regularly on the lake since 1987. Since 2007 I have acted as Safety Officer with the Anglers Association for a number of years and presently hold that office.

I was a member of the Loughrea Sailing Club when the present concrete pier was built by club members to afford a connection between a floating T section pier and the shore. The slipway was located beside the pier on the south east side enabling sailing boats, fishing boats occasionally and rescue boats when the occasion required to be launched and retrieved. This slipway has fallen into disrepair and is now very difficult to use. As one of the sailors using a sailing boat on the lake it now very difficult to launch and retrieve the sailing boat.

On Inspection of the proposed development documents I notice that there is a plan view showing the proposed slipway but no section view or side view of the proposed slipway for kayak and paddle boards. Hence one is not able to ascertain exactly what is proposed.

At present there is a no proper slipway with an appropriately inclined slope to reach a water depth of 1.5 m plus on the lake shore. The present construction beside the council offices has a very short ramp leading on to a concrete slatted shed floor section resting on rocks and stones followed almost immediately by a sudden drop into water of a depth of more than 2m. The shore line on the north side of lake in this region is the result of progressive back filling especially in the last 180 years which

can be verified by studying the various ordnance maps from 1846 onwards. The natural gradual fall away of the lake bed is not as obvious here as at the Long Point.

Since this proposed development was announced I have been searching the net for designs which would suit the old sailing club slipway location. I found none on the Waterways Ireland website but I did find one on the UK Inland Waterways Association Website(waterways.org.uk). The design title is SLIPWAY_2012_Dec.pdf which contains the complete design.

The following is a summary basic design

- (1) 7m hardstanding in line with the slipway
- (2) 3m level concrete base
- (3) 2m(horizontal) concrete base at gradient 1: 8
- (4) 5.5m(horizontal) concrete base at a gradient 1:4

Based on detailed drawing of standard slipway (2012) Inland Waterways Association
(waterways.org.uk)

Based on my experience of many years of inshore and inland lake sailing and fishing and having been involved in Search and Rescue or Search and Recovery; it is my opinion that this opportunity of building even a modest multi-purpose slipway should not be missed both in terms of ease of use and safety.

Please note as others may oppose the construction of this slipway, I am not to be associated with any objection presented by them purporting to act on my behalf and the view expressed here is my sole view.

Yours Faithfully,

Francis Fahy