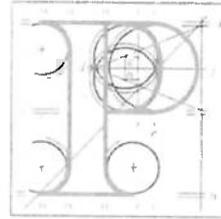


Our Case Number: ACP-323024-25

Our Reference: Galway County Council



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Langan Consulting Engineers Ltd.
Leeson Enterprise Centre,
Altamont Street,
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Co. Mayo

Date: 19 December 2025

Re: Proposed elevation of local tertiary road (L-52214)
Cuan Na Loinge, Ceantar na nOileán, Conamara, Co. Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned proposed development which is before the Commission for consideration.

Please be advised that the Commission, in accordance with section 177AE(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby requires you to furnish the following further information in relation to the effects on the environment of the proposed development:

1. (a) Clarification on the presence and location of any QI habitat within the site boundary, having regard to best practice survey guidance and published research on Annex I marine and benthic/lacustrine habitats.
- (b) A targeted habitat survey is required to be undertaken within the site boundary, areas proximate to and in the wider vicinity of the proposed works to inform the response to item 1 (a) above.

The results of this habitat survey shall confirm the presence, location, extent, condition and conservation assessment of Annex I habitat/ non-Annex I habitats within and adjoining the site boundary. The habitat survey shall be clear in defining the extent of:

- i. The overlap between the application boundary, extent of the proposed works, the SAC boundary and Annex I habitat.
 - ii. Impact on Annex I habitat, as defined by its attributes and targets as detailed in the site-specific conservation objectives document for Kilkieran Bay and Islands SAC.
 - iii. Habitats providing a supporting function to the annex habitat.
 - iv. Habitats of biodiversity value beyond the Natura designation(s).
2. Detailed drawings (1:200 scale) showing the footprint of the proposed works, the SAC boundary and confirmed Annex I habitats/non-Annex I habitats within the application site boundary.

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3. Detail the area(s) of temporary and/or permanent habitat loss (if any) within Annex I habitat area.
4. Justify, in terms of best available scientific information, why habitat loss (if any) will not result in adverse effects on site integrity of the SAC overall in view of the conservation objectives as defined by the specific attributes and targets.
5. The nature and location of the proposed culverts and concrete works. Statements such as "The culverts should be designed with the hydrology of the site in mind" should be clarified/refined/removed from the NIS. The applicant shall provide project specific information with regard to what (if any) impact the operational phase and the installation of new culverts would have on the hydrological conditions and lagoonal specialist species of the Loch Fhada upper pools.
6. Each supporting document including the NIS, EclA, EIA screening report and CEMP shall be amended to take account of the information requested above.

The further information referred to above should be received by the Commission within 12 weeks from the date of this notice (i.e. on or before the **23rd March 2026**).

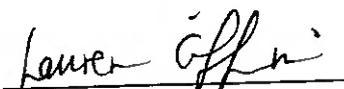
The provisions of section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 relating to the holiday period between the 24th December and 1st January, both days inclusive, have been taken into account in the calculation of the response date.

Please note that following its examination of any information lodged in response to this request for additional information, the Commission will then decide whether or not to invoke its powers under section 177AE(5)(d) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, requiring you to publish notice of the furnishing of any additional information and to allow for inspection or purchase of same and the making of further written submissions in relation to same to the Commission.

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

Please quote the above-mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,



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