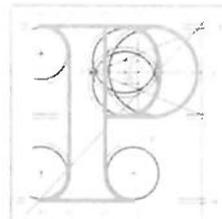


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Connacht Hockey
c/o Adil Kurt-Elli
Dangan
Galway

Date: 13 January 2026

Re: Kingston Park and Millers Lane - Public Park Urban Realm Project
Kingston Park & Millers Lane, County Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

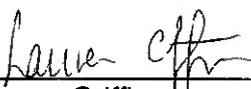
An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

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

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,



Lauren Griffin

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Letter of Support for Project JP61.323873

Connacht Hockey

Dangan, Galway, Ireland.

Email: connachthockeypresident@gmail.com

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To:

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Re: Kingston Park & Millers Lane — Public Park and Urban Realm Project (Section 177AE Application)

A Chara,

On behalf of Connacht Hockey, the recognised provincial body for the development and governance of hockey in the west of Ireland, we wish to confirm our full support for Galway City Council's Kingston Park & Millers Lane Public Park and Urban Realm Project.

This project directly addresses a long-standing facility deficit that has constrained club and school participation across Connacht. At present, the region relies on a single shared pitch in Galway, limiting junior training windows and displacing girls' sessions when senior fixtures take precedence. A regulation-size, 2G sand-filled hockey pitch at Millers Lane is essential to restore scheduling fairness, enable consistent player development, and create equitable access for girls and young people.

Connacht Hockey has engaged constructively with Galway City Council and local councillors for many years, participating in consultations and sharing practical programming models. We stand ready to support the transition to operation: school PE and after-school hubs, provincial coaching clinics, "coach-the-coach" workshops, and Women in Sport initiatives that strengthen female participation and retention.

We welcome the multi-sport campus design. Locating the hockey 2G pitch at Millers Lane, complemented by 4G soccer and rugby facilities within the scheme, ensures each code develops athletes on the correct surface while maximising shared, inclusive public space. Safe-lit walkways, spectator areas, and strong active-travel links will benefit families, guardians, and match officials and make winter participation feasible.

Connacht Hockey is collaborating at local level with neighbouring clubs—Galway Bohs Soccer Club and Galway Bay Rugby Club—together with committees and wider stakeholders. Our joint focus is community benefit: shared calendars and volunteer frameworks that support older adults, people with disabilities, families from disadvantaged areas, and nearby schools.



From a provincial perspective, the facility will unlock structured pathways for inter-provincial age-grade squads (U16–U18), talent ID camps, and officiating development, while ensuring weekly access for clubs and schools. The presence of appropriate changing facilities, first-aid rooms, and indoor activity spaces will also enable safeguarding-compliant programmes for girls and youth.

In light of documented constraints, weekly demand observed across Connacht, and the balanced design proposed, Connacht Hockey respectfully requests that An Coimisiún Pleanála approve the Kingston Park & Millers Lane project. Approval will deliver an equitable, future-proofed public sports campus that strengthens female participation, builds youth pathways, and supports lifelong, inclusive hockey across the province.

Should the Board require provincial participation data, sample inter-provincial schedules, or programme governance documentation (safeguarding, coach accreditation), we would be pleased to submit supporting material.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Adil Kurt-Elli', written in a cursive style.

Adil Kurt-Elli
Chair & President, Connacht Hockey