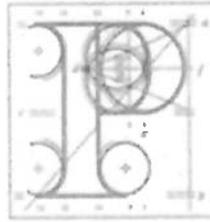


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**An
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Galway City

Date: 07 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,

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Kingston Active Recreation & Sports Project
An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference: JP61.323873

On behalf of Galway Rapparees Rounders Club, we wish to formally express our delight at learning that the Kingston Active Recreation & Sports Project has been advanced to the planning stage, and to place on record our strong support for the proposed development.

Galway Rapparees is a Galway City-based Rounders club with adult and juvenile teams, and we warmly welcome the ambition, scale, and quality of the facilities proposed at Kingston. The project represents a significant and positive investment in community sport, physical activity, and shared public amenities.

We are particularly encouraged by the multi-sport nature of the development. Galway Rapparees enjoys an excellent working relationship with neighbouring sporting organisations, including Galway Bay Rugby Club, along with local football and hockey clubs. The Kingston project reflects this collaborative approach and provides a framework where multiple sports can coexist, share facilities responsibly, and collectively serve the wider community.

At present, there is no dedicated pitch for GAA Rounders anywhere in Connacht, which presents a challenge to the continued growth of the sport in the province. The inclusion of facilities capable of accommodating Rounders within Kingston would therefore be a significant step forward for Galway City and the wider region. Rounders activity typically takes place outside traditional rugby and football peak times, supporting balanced and efficient year-round use of the facility.

Rounders is a non-contact, low-impact field sport, well suited to shared multi-use environments. The sport has strong participation from women and mixed-gender teams and provides an accessible entry point for adults returning to sport. Galway Rapparees is proud to have players from a wide range

of backgrounds, with a large and diverse international membership that reflects the inclusive and multicultural nature of Galway City itself.

We are also very supportive of the wider design elements of the project, particularly the walking routes and accessible public spaces. These features will ensure the development benefits a broad demographic and contributes positively to health, wellbeing, and everyday community use beyond organised sport.

Overall, Galway Rapparees warmly welcomes the Kingston proposal and commends the level of planning, vision, and inclusivity demonstrated. Any future involvement by our club would be fully aligned with the community-focused, multi-sport ethos of the Kingston development, and we are delighted to support its progression through the planning process.

Yours faithfully,

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On behalf of Galway Rapparees Rounders Club
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