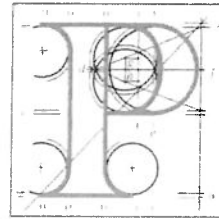


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Richard O'Hara Snr & Richard O'Hara Jnr
Baysports
Hodson Bay
Athlone
N37KH72

Date: 22 September 2026

Re: Hodson Bay Waterfront Park Project
Hodson Bay, Townland of Barrymore, Co. Roscommon

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 accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it or approved it with conditions.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please do not hesitate to 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,

Kevin McGettigan
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737263

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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-006100

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Richie O hara

Lodgement Date
21/09/2026 11:05:35

Case Number / Description
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Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Athlone Baysports Ltd

Payment Amount
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Fee Refund Requisition

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Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

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Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

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SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board
Member

Date

Date

Richie O'Hara

Baysports

Hodson Bay

Athlone N37KH72

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed Hodson Bay Waterfront Park Development, Hodson Bay, Kiltoom, Co. Roscommon

We write regarding the proposed Hodson Bay Waterfront Park Development, incorporating the proposed water sports pavilion, marina redevelopment and extension, active travel and site access improvements, traffic calming measures, provision of new car parking, and associated ancillary works.

The diversity, scale and extent of the proposed development is, in our view, highly commendable. Projects of this nature are essential to strengthening the tourism infrastructure of County Roscommon and to enhancing the significant tourism, recreational and economic potential of the county.

County Roscommon has considerable natural assets and attractions; however statistics show it has not yet achieved the same level of national and international tourism recognition as other established destinations located along the Wild Atlantic Way and some other parts of Ireland. It is our contention that the proposed project represents a significant and positive step towards addressing this imbalance and establishing Hodson Bay and the wider area as a more prominent national and international tourism and recreational destination.

We believe the development also has the potential to generate significant additional employment within County Roscommon and adjoining areas. Increased visitor numbers and tourism activity will provide wider economic benefits to local businesses and communities, while also generating additional contributions to the economy and National Exchequer.

Baysports has depth and experience, providing tourism, educational and recreational programmes at Hodson Bay since 1989. Initially, from 1989 to 2007, our activities were primarily delivered through school tour programmes. In 2007, Baysports established a full-time presence at Hodson Bay through the leasing of the Boat Training Centre (the existing watersports pavilion) from Roscommon County Council, a positive relationship which has continued to the present day.

Baysports currently attracts to Hodson Bay, between 45,000–50,000 paid customers annually in the peak 5 month season, with proportionately fewer customers through the remainder of each year. Our operation supports a core cohort of five full-time staff, supplemented by additional contractors on an ongoing basis, together with a seasonal/part-time workforce of more than 80 staff through our peak season, April to September. Reduced activity provision runs each year from October to April.

Our operational experience at Hodson Bay over many decades demonstrates the significant demand that exists for high-quality tourism, water-based recreational, educational and outdoor activities in the area. We have seen first-hand the benefits that increased visitor activity can bring to the local area and the potential for Hodson Bay to develop further as a national and international tourism locale.

Baysports considers the proposed development to be highly complementary to the work and objectives of Roscommon County Council, Waterways Ireland, Fáilte Ireland, Athlone Baysports Ltd, along with other key stakeholders, and we fully support this important initiative.

We believe that the proposed Hodson Bay Waterfront Park Development will provide a substantial long-term benefit to Hodson Bay, Kiltoom, County Roscommon and the wider region. It has the potential to enhance the visitor experience, improve public access to the waterfront, encourage active travel and recreation, support local employment and enterprise, thereby increasing the profile of Hodson Bay as a major tourism location.

Baysports is fully supportive of the proposed development and looks forward to providing every assistance within our capacity to assist with the project and to help ensure that this important initiative is successfully brought to fruition.

We respectfully ask that our strong support for the proposed development be taken into consideration as part of the planning and decision-making process.

Yours faithfully,

Richard O'Hara Snr
Director

Richard O'Hara Jnr
Director