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11th October 2016

**Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway**

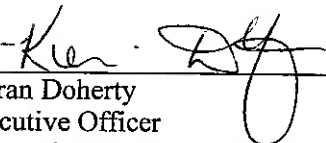
Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your letter dated 5th October, 2016 in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter with regard to the holding of a meeting and procedural matters are noted.

Please be advised that An Bord Pleanála is continuing in the process of organising the tripartite meeting and you will be advised of the proposed date for the meeting as soon as possible. Your concerns with regard to procedures and timelines can be raised at this meeting and to this end your comments on the draft agenda are noted.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Yours faithfully,


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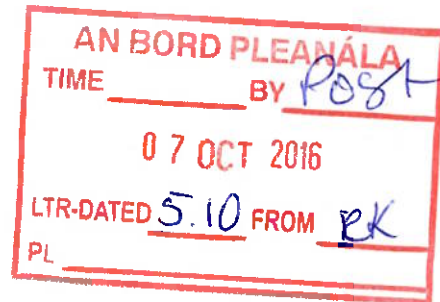
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5th October 2016

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Attn: Kieran Doherty



**Re: Galway Harbour Extension – Compensatory Measures
Tripartite Meeting Agenda**

Dear Sirs,

I refer to your letter of 9th September 2016 and our response of 15th September requesting the tripartite meeting referring to in your letter, at the earliest possible date. That was intended within the "next 4 weeks" which expires 06/10/16.

In your letter of 9th September 2016 you state that an agenda for the tripartite meeting will be prepared and will be circulated to all parties in advance. We thank you for the draft copy Agenda received by email 05/10/16. Your letter confirms that the purpose of the tripartite meeting is to narrow the scope of the details required to facilitate advancing the proposed compensation measures to Phase II of the process, by identifying and seeking agreement on appropriate compensatory measures and the means to achieve them. This is critical to progress.

While we welcome the opportunity to advance the project and want to engage in identifying the scope of the proposed compensation measures, we also have significant concerns at this point on the basis of progress to date, with respect to the procedures, program and timelines for progressing this project.

From the commencement of pre application consultation, through the lodgement of the planning application and the oral hearing, up to the board setting out its position on 29th September 2015, we were operating within "known territory" in terms of procedures and approximate timelines. Since September 2015, and in particular since the Phase 1 submission of the proposed compensatory measures in November 2015 we appear to have made little progress. This situation, combined with issues arising from the submission by the NPWS dated 27th May 2016 and in particular the record of the meeting between the board and NPWS which took place on 28th June

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2016, gives rise to even more significant concerns with respect to procedures and timelines and the as yet "undefined" aspect of same.

Our concerns in this regard relate in particular to procedural matters in terms of the delivery of compensatory measures. While it is acknowledged that we must first and foremost agree on the compensatory measures among the relevant parties, it is not clear as to how far these compensatory measures must be advanced prior to the commencement of the Harbour Extension project; what steps and processes are involved and the time implications arising.

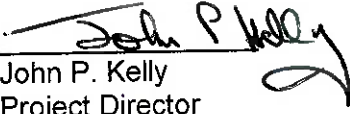
Arriving at a better understanding of the procedures, requirements and likely timelines is of critical importance to Galway Harbour Company at this stage as we are now outside of normal planning timelines. While it is acknowledged that it may be difficult to determine precise timelines, it should be possible to estimate and state the likely position to guide the process. In terms of procedures, we would like to have this programming aspect clearly defined to focus the time required to progress to agreement of proposed compensatory measures and implementation thereafter.

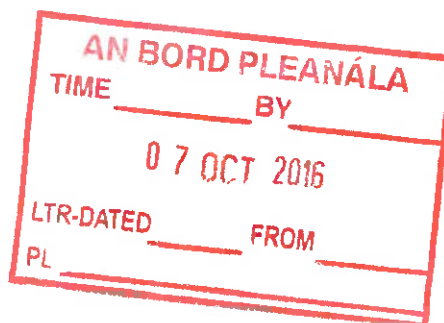
To progress the project, the scope of the details required in order to move forward on compensatory measures, is an essential next step, we also wish to have the issue of procedures and timelines brought in parallel to the top of the agenda for the tripartite meeting.

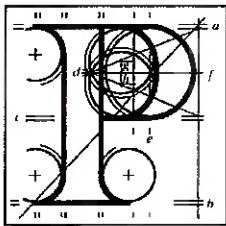
We return a copy of your draft Agenda with adjustments indented in red.

We note that we have continued to seek bi-party progress with NPWS to obtain access to their specialists to date without avail. We will notify you of any progress arising in that regard.

Yours faithfully,


John P. Kelly
Project Director





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Agenda

Galway Harbour Extension – PA0033

Date	TBA
Start Time	TBA
Location	The Offices of An Bord Pleanála

1. Introductions / persons present
2. Legal status of meeting / written record
3. Current status of planning application
4. IROPI process
5. Clarification of matters relating to:
 - Annex 1 marine habitats, **stony bank** & saltmarsh
 - Harbour seal
 - Inner Galway bay SPA
 - Cumulative impacts
 - Other including tern platform / construction rubble / wetland creation / monitoring / other projects
 - **NPWS Co-ordinator of access and feedback from species specialists**
6. Procedural matters/next steps
 - **Procedures, programme and timelines regarding:**
 - **The agreement of compensatory measures**
 - **Implementation of measures**
 - **commencement of construction**
7. AOB

