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John P. Kelly
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27th October 2016

Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway

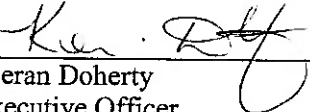
Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your letters dated 20th, 21st and 27th October 2016 in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of these letters with regard to the holding of a meeting are noted.

Please be advised that An Bord Pleanála will endeavour to organise the tripartite meeting having regard to the dates you have now proposed and you will be advised of the date for the meeting as soon as possible.

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

Yours faithfully,


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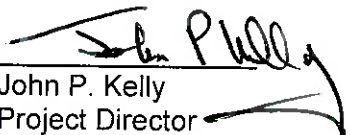
**Re: Galway Harbour Extension (PI Ref 61.PA0033) – Compensatory Measures
Tripartite Meeting with ABP/NPWS**

Dear Sirs,

Our earlier telephone conversation refers. Unfortunately the 10th November 2016 does not suit the Galway Harbour Company attendees for a meeting.

Please suggest an alternative date between 18th and 24th November 2016 and we will attend accordingly.

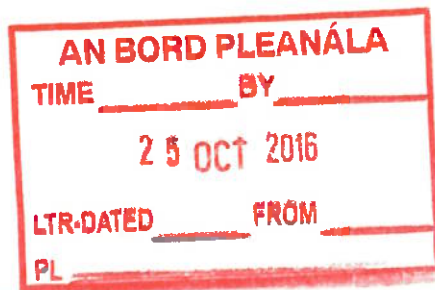
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21st October 2016

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Attn: Kieran Doherty

**Re: Galway Harbour Extension (PI Ref 61.PA0033) – Compensatory Measures
Tripartite Meeting and Interim meeting with NPWS**

Dear Sirs,

Further to previous correspondences, we confirm that we had a good meeting with NPWS this morning.

The following topics were addressed:

1. Stony Banks
2. Intertidal reef and mud and sand flats
3. Saltmarsh

The Applicant will act on the basis of that discussion to see if the form of measures discussed can be achieved and be proven to be capable of providing the extent of compensation deemed to be required.

We requested a date for a tripartite meeting and the morning of the 10/11/16 would suit some of the NPWS who were in attendance today. We confirm that the Galway Harbour team will make themselves available for that date or other as may be required.

Would it be possible for An Bord Pleanála to try to arrange this as the first of the tripartite meetings?

We would be glad to hear from you accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


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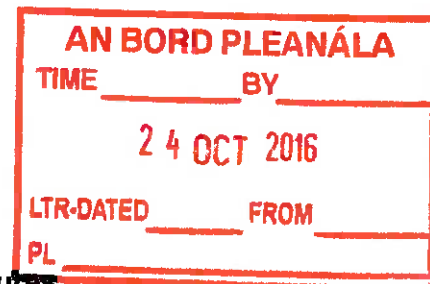
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20th October 2016

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**Re: Galway Harbour Extension – Compensatory Measures
Tripartite Meeting and Interim meeting with NPWS**

Dear Sirs,

Further to previous correspondences, we confirm that a meeting with NPWS at their offices at 7 Ely place, has been arranged for tomorrow 21/10/16 at 11.00.

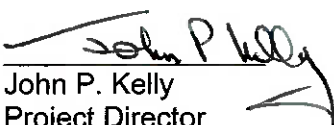
Our Ecologists had sought to have as broad a discussion of detail in accordance with the draft agenda that was proposed for the tripartite meeting yet to be confirmed.

That meeting had been arranged since last week and was to cover the full range of issues. An email of last afternoon 19/10/16 from NPWS reduced the range of topics on foot of "legal" advice that the AA was as per ABP.

Attached is a copy of the email "Topics for Discussion" issued by Brendan O'Connor of Aquafact on 07/10/16 and response by Ciaran O'Keeffe of DAHG of 19/10/16.

In light of the above we would be grateful if you would continue to press to set a date for the first of the Tripartite meetings and we would like that meeting to address what the most appropriate full agenda range of topics should be.

Yours faithfully,


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Attachments emails 07/10/16 and 19/10/16.

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John P Kelly (Galway)

Subject: FW: Topics for discussion

From: Ciaran O'Keeffe [<mailto:Ciaran.OKeeffe@ahg.gov.ie>]

Sent: 19 October 2016 16:51

To: boc <boc@aquafact.ie>

Cc: Oliver Ó Cadhla <oliverocadhla@gmail.com>; John Fitzgerald <John.Fitzgerald@ahg.gov.ie>; Niall Redmond <Niall.Redmond@ahg.gov.ie>; David Tierney <David.Tierney@ahg.gov.ie>; Karen Gaynor <Karen.Gaynor@ahg.gov.ie>; Ferdia Marnell <Ferdia.Marnell@ahg.gov.ie>; Caitriona Douglas <Caitriona.Douglas@ahg.gov.ie>

Subject: RE: Topics for discussion

Dear Brendan,

I've had a discussion with our Natura compliance side and the Department's Legal Advisor.

My advice is that as ABP has completed the Appropriate Assessment under Art 6(3), the issues of continued importance now are as per the APB conclusion the three habitats listed under No. 1 in your list below; and of course 5 and 7.

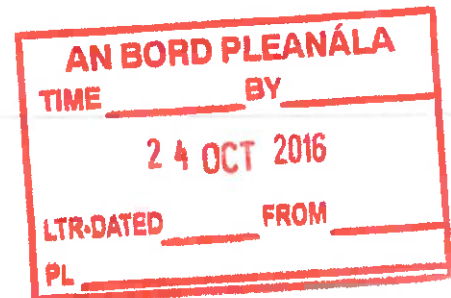
The seals and birds were determined not to be significant issues.

Therefore I don't think we need to pull in the scientific experts on birds or seals to the meeting on Friday.

I'm travelling tomorrow Thursday so if you need to get in touch you might text me on 087 264 6416

Regards

Ciaran



From: boc [<mailto:boc@aquafact.ie>]

Sent: 07 October 2016 12:51

To: Ciaran O'Keeffe

Subject: Topics for discussion

Hello Ciaran and thanks for the phone call last evening.

As promised, here is a list of topics I need to discuss with your experts and as I suggested, it might be more beneficial and time-effective to meet them individually rather than all together.

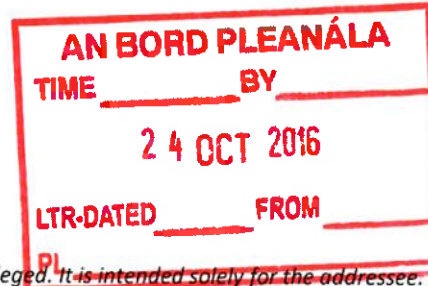
1. SAC habitats
 - Fucoid dominated reef habitat/mud and sand flat complex
 - Stony bank
 - Salt marsh
2. Harbour Seal
3. Great Northern Diver and Turnstone
4. SPA Other Issues
5. Legacy issues relating to the Galway Harbour Enterprise Park
6. Compensation potential locations
7. Existing survey information / additional survey requirements and methodologies

Regarding how to proceed with the process of designating new areas when agreed and to the related process and timeframes, is that something I can discuss with you?

By the way, are you still singing?

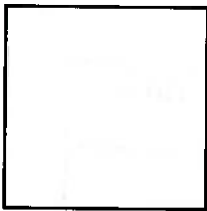
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