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Subject: Galway Harbour Extension -Communication from An Bord Pleanala

A Cara,

At this stage you will have probably have received from An Bord Pleanala copies of correspondence related to the Galway Harbour Extension which advises that the Board have concluded that the Harbour Extension project could not be considered under Article 6[3] of the Habitats Directive, given that a significant adverse impact on the integrity of the Galway Bay cSAC would occur.

The Board have invited Galway Harbour Company to confirm that they wish the project to be considered for approval under Article 6[4] of the Directive and confirmation of a wish to follow that route is being issued to-day on behalf of Galway Harbour Company.

The Board have also advised that it will be necessary to submit proposals for compensatory measures to address the impacts on the integrity of the Galway Bay Complex SAC and in this regard they have advised that Galway Harbour Company to liaise with the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. I am now requesting an initial meeting with the appropriate people to determine the procedures, protocols and timescales required to agree the principles in developing the proposals. As the Board have allowed just an eight week period for submission of proposals for the compensatory measures for the Phase 1 liaison, I am requesting a meeting with the appropriate people at the earliest possible date.

Kind Regards,
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