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24th November, 2015

An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Ref. No.: 61.PA0033

Dear Sirs,

Further to yours of 29/9/15, we respond as follows:-

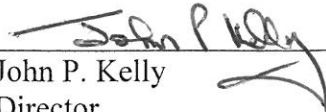
- 1) We enclose a copy of the Galway Harbour Company proposed compensatory measures as presented in the report prepared by Aquafact titled, "Proposed compensatory measures associated with the Galway harbour extension". The report outlines compensation measures considered and those proposed to address the items of loss as listed by An Bord Pleanála as requiring compensation.
- 2) On receipt of the letter dated 29/9/15 from An Bord Pleanála, contact was made with National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) with a view to having a preliminary discussion with them, prior to assembling the above report. The purpose of such a preliminary meeting was to determine the procedures, protocols and timescales required to agree the principals in developing the proposals for compensatory measures. A copy of our email 1/10/15 is attached.
- 3) NPWS responded on 5/10/15 outlining their view on how we should conduct our interaction with them. A copy of their email is also attached.
- 4) The design team in this regard led by Dr. Brendan O'Connor of Aquafact, prepared the Galway Harbour Company, "Proposed compensatory measures associated with the Galway Harbour Extension", document. This was submitted on 10/11/15 to NPWS by email and a copy of the cover letter dated 10/11/15 is also attached.
- 5) Having regard to the response date of 24/11/15 as set down by An Bord Pleanála and in the absence of an interaction to date with NPWS, Galway Harbour Company now wish to lodge the Compensatory Report. The design team remain available to meet with N.P.W.S when they consider that this has merit. We will forward a copy of this response to you to NPWS to keep them apprised of progress and to indicate that we remain available to meet to facilitate progress to the stage 2 detail of this process as outlined by An Bord Pleanála in your letter of 29/9/15.

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- 6) Galway Harbour Company look forward, in due course to progressing to the stage 2 where the specific detail of all the proposed elements of work will be submitted, with the requisite landowner/third party agreements then negotiated to allow such works to proceed where relevant, and foreshore licence progress for the works in intertidal and subtidal areas.

Yours faithfully,



John P. Kelly
Director
TOBIN Consulting Engineers

Attached:

- 1) Copy of Compensatory Report
- 2) Email 1/10/15 to NPWS
- 3) Email 5/10/15 from NPWS
- 4) Letter 10/11/15 to NPWS