Our Ref: 61.PA0033

Your Ref:

An Bord Pleanála

Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 3000
Public Headquarters
Johnstown Castle Estate
Wexford

30th January 2014

Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above mentioned proposed development which is the subject of a current application for planning permission. This application has been made directly to An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in respect of proposed developments classified as strategic infrastructure development.

It is understood that a copy of the application and the environmental impact statement was forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with section 42 of the Waste Management Act 1996, as inserted by Article 7(1F) of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Waste) Regulations 2012 you are requested to:

(i) Confirm to the Board that the proposed development the subject of the application for permission is development comprising or for the purposes of an activity requiring a waste licence or a review of a licence on the application, under section 40 of the Act.

(ii) If a licence or a review of a licence is required, you are also requested to submit to the Board observations you may have on the application for permission including the environmental impact statement.

In addition you are requested to make observations in respect of the following specific matters:

(iii) Confirm whether or not a waste water discharge authorisation licence is required, as referred to in the public notice and specify the particular activity in the development for which a waste water discharge authorisation is required.

(iv) Comment on the adequacy of the baseline data submitted with the EIS and the methodologies employed particularly in relation to Section 8.4 of the EIS (hydrodynamics, sediment, wave climate flood risk and salinity studies).

(v) Any other comments which the EPA wish to make in relation to the general adequacy of the EIS or NIS.

Accordingly, any observations or response in relation to the proposed development should be received by the Board not later than 4 weeks from the date of this request **i.e. not later than 5.30pm on Thursday the 27th of February, 2014.**

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

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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