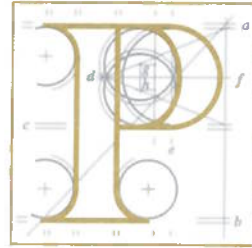


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17th October 2017



Re:
Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above-mentioned case and in particular to the previous letter from An Bord Pleanála dated 30th September, 2015.

At that time, you were sent a copy of a letter that had been sent to the Galway Harbour Company which requested that the Harbour Company develop initial proposals for compensatory measures with respect to the impacts of the proposed harbour extension on the Galway Bay Special Area of Conservation. Please note that this process has been ongoing since then and has involved consultation by the applicant with An Bord Pleanála and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

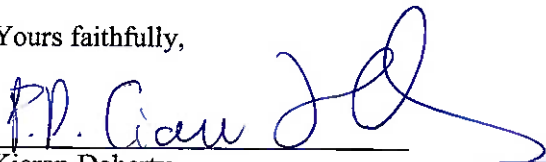
In August 2017 Galway Harbour Company submitted initial proposals which appear to be capable of producing a meaningful set of conservation measures that could provide adequate compensation within Galway Bay Complex SAC for the potential loss associated with the Galway Harbour Extension.

The Harbour Company has now been requested by An Bord Pleanála to further develop these proposed compensatory measures and to submit them to An Bord Pleanála in due course.

This process is expected to take a number of months to complete.

You may be invited to make further submissions pending satisfactory progress on this element of the case and you will be notified in that instance.

Yours faithfully,


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