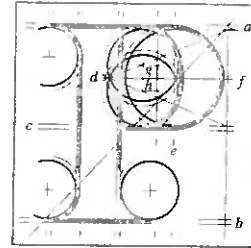


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Eamon Bradshaw
Chief Executive Officer
Galway Harbour Company
Harbour Office
New Docks
Galway
H91 PD37

18th July 2017

Re:
Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your letter addressed to Dr Mary Kelly, Chairperson, with regard to the above mentioned proposed development.

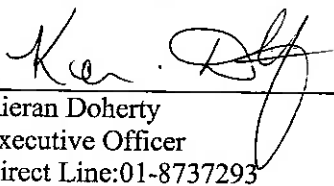
The content of your letter is noted and An Bord Pleanála regrets the delay involved. In this regard, please note that a further meeting has now been arranged, the details of which are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 27th July 2017
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Offices of An Bord Pleanála

Tobin Consulting Engineers have been advised of this meeting.

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

Yours faithfully,


Kieran Doherty
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737293

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Ms Mary Kelly
Chairperson
An Bord Pleánala
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
Co. Dublin

Re: 61.PA 0033
Proposed Harbour Extension at Galway Harbour Company/Port of Galway

Dear Ms Kelly,

I refer to the above SID Planning Application.

On behalf of the board of Galway Harbour Company/Port of Galway I wish to express our frustration at the slow pace of progress on what is intended to be a fast track Strategic Infrastructure Development ("SID") at the Port of Galway.

This planning application has been in the planning process for 3.5Years and in preparation for a further 8 years.

The proposed development is crucial to the business of the Port of Galway and indeed the wider regional development of business in the West of Ireland.

The history of this Planning Application is as follows:

- SID Status confirmation was confirmed by ABP on 7th October 2013
- SID Planning Application lodged 10th January 2014
- Request for Further Information received on 27th May 2014
- Oral Hearing held commenced 12th January 2015

Mr. Eamon Bradshaw - Chief Executive Officer

Captain Brian Sheridan - Harbour Master

Directors - Mr. E. Bradshaw (Secretary), Mr. P. Carey (Chairman), Mr. F. Greene, Mr. P. McCormack.

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- Statement of Appropriate Assessment and request for details of Compensatory Proposals under IROPI requirements issued by ABP on 29th September 2015. ABP request for close co-operation between ABP, NPWS & Galway Harbour Company not forthcoming from NPWS.
- Draft Compensatory Proposals issued to ABP on 24th November 2015
- APB issued report of minutes of meeting between ABP and NPWS setting out NPWS report on the Compensatory Proposals on 9th September 2016
- Revised Compensatory Proposals issued to ABP on 9th December 2016
- Further Revised Compensatory Report was issued to ABP for consideration by NPWS and the Independent Expert for ABP on 28th February 2017
- Meeting between ABP/NPWS and Independent Expert to discuss revised Compensatory Proposal was held on 3rd April 2017

Since submission of our latest Compensatory Proposals on 28th February 2017 we have been unable to carry out any works on this project and the project is effectively at a standstill.

The Compensatory Proposals submitted require a large amount of field studies and analysis to be carried out in order to confirm the underlining assumptions in the Compensatory Proposals.

These studies and analysis can only be carried out during the period April to September.

We are most concerned that if we do not receive feedback on our proposed Compensatory Proposals from all interested parties as soon as possible the “survey season” will have passed and the Planning Application will be delayed for another year.

We feel that the prospect of a further year's delay of the Planning Application is intolerable and wasteful of resources and must be avoided at all costs.

We would therefore respectfully ask that ABP use all its power to ensure that we receive clear feedback on our proposals to allow our consultants carry out surveys and analysis within the current season.

Yours Faithfully



Eamon Bradshaw
Chief Executive

C.c. Kieran Doherty, Executive Officer