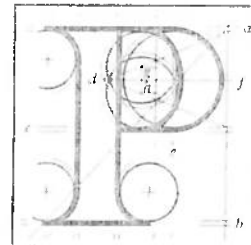


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John P. Kelly
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25th January 2017

**Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway**

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20th January, 2017.

Your comments with regard to the tripartite meeting on 13th December, 2016 are noted and the record of the meeting will be issued shortly.

With regard to the proposed compensatory measures, An Bord Pleanála has referred these to its ecologist to report on. However, please note that An Bord Pleanála will not be in a position to comment on the proposed measures by 1st December, 2017 as the ecologist will not have reported by that time. An Bord Pleanála will revert to you in due course.

If you have any queries in the meantime, 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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**Re: Galway Harbour Extension
61.PA 0033**

Dear Sirs,

Further to Tripartite Meeting: An Bord Pleánala / NPWS / Port of Galway at 3.15 p.m. on 13.12.2016 at 8 Ely Place, we note the following :-

The meeting was arranged on foot of the process commenced by the ABP letter dated 29.09.2015 and the Preliminary (Phase 1) Compensatory Proposals submitted accordingly on 24.11.2015 and ABP response dated 09.09.2016, with accompany NPWS response and minutes

The Meeting discussed the agenda items scheduled and under item 5, discussed the proposed Compensatory Measures (Version 2.1) submitted 09.12.2016.

The applicant requested feedback on this document so that further studies could be directed to appropriate site locations so that the detail of the compensation proposals could be further progressed. The site locations proposed were Tawin and Barna.

The Meeting agreed that the Applicant would be advised by ABP by 01.12.17 whether there was merit in the proposal to address the compensation for :-

- 1) Stony Bank (0.63 ha) and Salt Marsh (7.39 ha) by means of enhanced management of existing designated lands at Tawin by agreement with the owners of those lands.
- 2) Intertidal area (14.51ha) concentrate on the presently undesignated area West of Silverstrand towards Barna, albeit that some 32 landowners have seaweed rights over those intertidal lands.

We would be most grateful if you can confirm the opinions with regard to the above proposals to facilitate the programming of the further detailed studies which will then be undertaken of all of

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