

**Niamh Thornton**

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**From:** Niamh Thornton  
**Sent:** Wednesday 22 December 2021 12:15  
**To:** Brendan Rudden  
**Subject:** RE: PA0033 Galway Harbour Extension:  
**Attachments:** scanned document; scanned document; scanned document

Good afternoon Brendan,

Please find attached copy of a submission from the DAU from August, 2019 and Reports dated 11 September, 2019 and February, 2020 from Marine Planning Matters Environment Consulting Ltd.

Kind regards,  
Niamh Thornton

**From:** Brendan Rudden <Brendan.Rudden@tobin.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 15 December 2021 10:04  
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**Cc:** Kieran Doherty <K.Doherty@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:** FW: PA0033 Galway Harbour Extension:

Hello Niamh,  
Hope you are well.

Thank you ever so much for the attached, this will be very helpful as we interact with NPWS.

The NPWS letter of April 2020 makes reference to their August 2019 letter and we have now received this letter from NPWS.

The April 2020 letter also has the following passage on the second paragraph of page 2

*"The Department observes from the documentation provided that its earlier recommendations (of August 2019) were shared with the Board's external advisor. The Board's advisor discusses a number of these in his own report (but not all) and agrees with most (if not all) of the points raised by the Department. However, these points of common agreement, as well as other points raised by the Department but not addressed in the Board's advisor's report, were not shared with the proponent. The Department's observations were intended to inform the Board's views and subsequently, the applicant's proposed compensatory measures, but none were forwarded to the applicant (even those the Board's advisor agreed with) and so are not addressed in the applicant's response and proposed compensatory measures. These measures will, in due course, come to this Department and the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for agreement. The Department requests that the Board clarify for this Department the status of the recommendations it made in its August 2019 submissions and whether and when they will be forwarded to the applicant for consideration."*

Given that we are in active engagement with NPWS and that there may be matters in the specialist Board's external advisor's report which we should now see and address while we are working on the other matters in this extension period to avoid any further items arising, we would be very grateful if you could provide us with a copy of this specialist external advisor's report please.

We would be very grateful if you could provide us with copies of the reports referred to in the NPWS letter accordingly.

I am on mobile 087-6989364 if you wish to discuss.

Thank you also for confirmation of the extension which we received under separate cover.

Thank you,  
Brendan

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Good afternoon Brendan,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

I have attached the Inspector's Report and observation referred to in the NPWS submission.

The Board do not have a copy of correspondence between Minister O'Brien and Minister Catherine Martin.

Kind regards,  
Niamh

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Hello Niamh and Nichola,

Thank you for the confirmation below on the extension.

We are meeting the NPWS on Monday and we will be in contact afterwards on the response timeframe.

In relation to the NPWS letter of 3 August 2021, they make reference to a number of other documents.

Given that we are being asked to respond to the NPWS letter, the applicant / team feels that we will require copies of same in order to make a full response.

There are references to the report of the Senior Planning Inspector and specialist on page 1 of their letter and to the NPWS' earlier observations (April 2020) on page 2.

There is also reference to Minister O'Brien's request of the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021 to Minister Catherine Martin on page 1.

We would be very grateful if you could provide us with copies of the correspondence referred to in NPWS letter accordingly and in particular the NPWS observations of April 2020.

I am on mobile 087-6989364 if you wish to discuss.

Thank you,  
Brendan

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