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Record of Meeting PA61.PA0033

Case Reference / Description	PA61.PA0033 Galway Harbour Extension, Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway		
Case Type	Private Development Application. Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.		
Date	23/05/2024	Start Time	11:00 a.m.
Location	An Bord Pleanála Office.	End Time	11:55 a.m.

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Ciara Kellett, Director of Planning (Chair)
Muiríosa Cassells, Senior Administrative Officer
Marcella Doyle, Senior Administrative Officer
Niamh Thornton, Senior Executive Officer
Representing the Applicant
Conor O'Dowd, CEO, The Port of Galway
Gus McCarthy, MKO
Brendan Rudden, TOBIN Consulting Engineers

This meeting is being held pursuant to section 37F(1)(e)(i) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

The Board will keep a record of this meeting and any other meetings, if held.

It was noted that this meeting is being held to discuss procedural matters only, given the passage of time, and that the merits of the case would not be discussed.

A discussion was had in relation to the EIS submitted on the case. It is the Board's opinion that Directive 2011/92/EU applies in this case and that an EIS is sufficient and submission of an EIAR is not required. The applicant agreed with this approach and advised that it had sought its own legal opinion on same. As such, any updates sought/required would be in relation to updating information only and the provisions of Directive 2014/52/EU would not apply.

The applicant gave a brief update on the proposed development and the port in general from an economic perspective. It stated that the port has contributed significantly to the roll out of renewable infrastructure projects but the proposed improved port infrastructure will be required to facilitate this further in the future.

The applicant stated that development of the port is supported by policy at all levels including EU, national, regional and local policy. It was also noted that Galway Harbour has been designated as a TEN-T Port.

It was advised that the Board may request updated information on the case from the applicant, having regard to the passage of time.

It was noted that it is at the Board's discretion to re-open the oral hearing.

The applicant confirmed that it has continued relevant surveying in the last few years with a view to updating the EIS when required. The applicant stated that it will use updated surveys to verify the results of the EIS. A discussion ensued regarding the updating of the EIS and how this information would be presented. The applicant advised that they would likely submit any updated information as an addendum.

It was noted that the notice which issued on the 27th February, 2024 from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage enclosing a statement for IROPI which conveyed his opinion in relation to the compensatory measures proposed is available on the Board's website.

A discussion was had in relation to the compensatory measures and their inclusion as mitigation measures in the EIS.

The Board's representatives stated that it will revert to the applicant with a copy of the record of the meeting.

 29/5/24

Ciara Kellett

Director of Planning