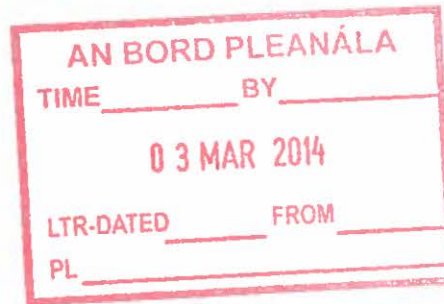




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28th February 2014.

**Re: Galway Harbour Company
Galway Harbour Extension
Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure
Development**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the Notification letter dated 9th January 2014 to CIE of the above application from Tobin Consulting Engineers on behalf of Galway Harbour Company. CIE wishes to express its support for the project in terms of "the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development".

In 2010 the CIE Group and Galway Harbour Company prepared a Joint Urban Design Framework document entitled "Galway Harbour Village and Ceannt Station Quarter." This collaborative exercise was sought by Galway City Council at the time of preparing its draft city plan and is now referred to in the current Galway City Development Plan 2011 – 2016 in sections 9.2.1 Ceannt Station Area and 9.2.2 Inner Harbour Area.

It is in this context that the CIE Group supports the current planning application because as stated in the city plan "it builds on the acknowledged co-operation existing between the harbour landowners and Ceannt Station landowners, which includes a common objective to have a co-ordinated and integrated approach embedded into future proposals".

If you require further input from CIE or want a copy of the Joint Framework document I would be happy to arrange that,

Yours faithfully,


George Henry
Deputy Property Manager

c.c. Eamonn Bradshaw, CEO, Galway Harbour Company, New Docks Road, Galway.