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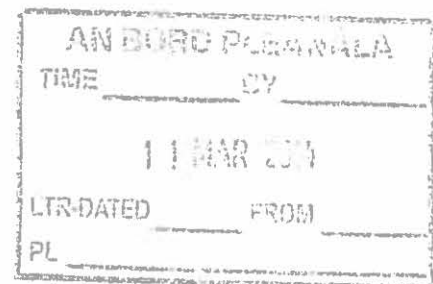
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE,
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HSE EIS SUBMISSION REPORT
Environmental Health Service Consultation Report
*as a Statutory Consultee (Planning and Development Acts 2000,
& Regulations made there under).*

11th March 2014

An Bord Pleanála,
64, Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.



Type of consultation: Environmental Impact Statement

Applicant: Galway Harbour Company

Proposed Development: Galway Harbour Extension in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development.

Our Ref: 0115

General Introduction

This report only comments on Environmental Health (EH) Impacts of the proposed development as outlined in this EIS and the adequacy of the EIS from an EH viewpoint.

In the "Schedule of Consultations" it is noted that the HSE was not consulted during this process.

Existing Concerns

Complaints have been received regarding the operation of the scrap metal process within the existing docks. These complaints relate to noise, excessive dust cloud and waste washings from the scrap metal, seeping into the dock area. This operation and other possible polluting operations within the harbour area need to be more fully assessed within the EIS.

Public Consultation Process

Details have been submitted regarding the consultation process. In light of the scale of the development and the possible future impacts on the area, which naturally cannot be fully quantified, it is recommended that the submission includes a more detailed consultation/communication plan. There should be proper and meaningful public participation in the process. These should also contain specific requirements, for the developer to have in place, including open lines of communication through which the public can voice concerns and/or make complaints.

Noise and Vibration

The existing noise levels, particularly when certain operations are being undertaken, are excessive. The section on noise mitigation measures in Chapter 10 for air borne noise affecting the general population is not as comprehensive as it should be.

Additional mitigation measures must be put in place to limit the impact of noise from the development and future operations. It is acknowledged the difficulty that exists in accurately predicting future excessive noise. Additional monitoring at existing locations and other noise sensitive locations must be undertaken, at regular intervals and when certain operations are taking place. These future noise measurements may therefore necessitate further mitigation measures being implemented, in consultation with the relevant authorities.

Emergency Plan

That the existing Harbour emergency plan and emergency response is updated to include the development phase of this proposal.

Hours of Operation

Given the type of future operations at the harbour, many requiring a 24 hour operation process, it is recommended that where the general public (and businesses) may be adversely affected, that suitable timely notification is given.

Air Quality and Dust

In light of complaints received, in relation to the scrap metal operation, the possible impacts to moving this operation to the new development has not been fully considered as of yet e.g. will wind blown dust adversely affect new populations. It is stated however that "Many of the industries proposed for the enterprise park will require licences from the Environmental Protection Agency to operate. Where a licence is not required, the Harbour Company will require site leases to include environmental protection conditions equivalent to those required in Environmental Protection Agency licences". These environmental protection conditions must be assessed independently by the local authority and the HSE.

Bio-monitoring

The impacts on Galway Bay from the development of the new harbour area, the proposed and existing companies utilising the harbour and the increase in tonnage and subsequent marine traffic etc may adversely affect the existing bio diversity within the bay. It is recommended that bio monitoring is commenced prior to any development and continued thereafter. This monitoring should include standard water quality and shellfish (particularly mussels etc) testing but to also include heavy metals and other possible contaminants e.g. oil.

Yours faithfully,

Séamus Mitchell
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**All correspondence or any queries with regard to this report including acknowledgement of this report should be forwarded to Mr. Shane Keane, A/Principal Environmental Health Officer, Health Service Executive, Galway Business Park, Dangan, Galway.*

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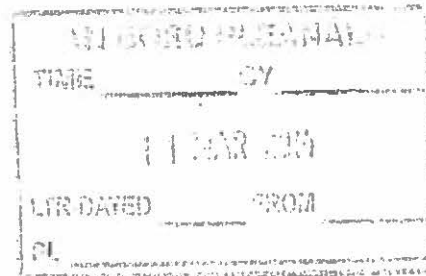
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Hi,
Attached please find the Environmental Health Service comments in relation to the Galway Harbour Company EIS.

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