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5th of March 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,


We refer to the Planning Application from Galway Harbour Company regarding the extension of Galway Port.

The Ardilaun Hotel, Taylor's Hill, Galway is very supportive of this planning application and commends the harbour company on their foresight in bringing this project to planning stage.

The Ardilaun Hotel is a four star, 123 bedroom hotel situated on Taylor's Hill in Galway City. In business for 52 years, The Ardilaun has played a significant role in the development of tourism for Galway and the western region during this time. Comprising extensive food and beverage, conference & banqueting, and leisure facilities, The Ardilaun employs 137 people. The Ardilaun attracts a significant portion of its visitors from International markets.

The development and extension of Galway Port will be of great benefit to both our organisation and the western region of Ireland. Galway Port has for many years been a crucial asset in the development and growth of Galway city and the west. The cruise ship industry has been the fastest growing segment in the travel industry around the world since 1980 and its potential should be harnessed by the city of Galway. Development of Galway Port provides us with this vital opportunity. The cruise sector generates a major economic boost for the port areas and regions that are visited. Tourists who spend money in a port region inject money into the local economy and this may be translated directly into the generation of jobs. This is a stated and significant principle in the development of Government policy, namely job creation. The development of Galway port will create much needed and sustainable employment in Galway city and the surrounding area.

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Maritime tourism is a major instrument of regional development. Many tourism enterprises are situated in areas where other employment options are limited. The development of the port will inevitably lead to growth in these areas. This will add to the stated goal of government policy of spatial tourism and will also align uniquely to the development of The Wild Atlantic Way, Failte Ireland's key proposal for promotion and growth of tourism on the western seaboard of Ireland. The development of the port will bring a high net spending tourist to the western region of Ireland, which is the stated goal of all tourism agencies on the Island of Ireland. A vibrant tourism industry contributes to the viability and sustainability of the western region of Ireland. The development of Galway Port will make an invaluable contribution to this process and is an endeavour which The Ardilaun Hotel supports wholeheartedly.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak at the oral hearing on this matter. I am looking forward to a successful outcome to the process.

Yours faithfully,

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