

WestSails,
New Docks,
Galway City.
11-03-2014

Ref. 61.PA.0033

To: An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough St.
Dublin 1.

To whom it concerns,

I wish to express my support for the proposed Galway Harbour extension as submitted to An Bord Pleanála, by Galway Harbour Company.

The extension and redevelopment of the Galway Harbour Area is critically important for the economic development of Galway City and the West of Ireland. The capacity to attract cargo vessels, cruise liners and greater numbers of leisure boats will have a hugely significant economic impact for marine support services like my business, WestSails operating in the Galway Docks, for businesses within Galway City, for tourism and leisure development and all associated support services throughout the Western Region.

WestSails currently employs two full time staff in a sailmaking business in the New Docks area of Galway Harbour, with further workers employed on a seasonal basis. The increased marine traffic and tourism as a result of the Harbour development, will enable me and others working in support services for the marine sector to upscale and create significant further employment.

The services that my business offers will be an attractive proposition for visiting ships and boats- I manufacture and repair sails, boat covers and many types of marine covers that are in demand for commercial and leisure vessels.

I also provide craft products such as "Made in Galway" upcycled bags made from recycled sails that attracted much interest as an export product during the Volvo Ocean Race and can demonstrate the manufacture of traditional boat sails which can be developed as tourist attraction for visiting cruise liner passengers.

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Approval of this project will greatly assist in the future proofing the economy of Galway City and the surrounding region. I respectfully ask the Board to approve permission for the Galway Harbour Extension.

Yours sincerely,

Yannick Lemonnier,

WestSails,

New Docks,
Galway City,

