

# Claddagh Jewellers

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An Bord Pleanála  
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Re: 61.PA.0033

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in order to lend our support to the planning application submitted by Galway Harbour Company regarding the extension of Galway Port.

As part of the Galway business community, Claddagh Jewellers have followed the progress of this application for many months and we are keen to point out the painstaking level of detail that the Galway Harbour Company have entered into, in order to bring this project to planning stage.

Claddagh Jewellers are part of an Irish manufacturing and retail jewellery organisation, trading since 1967 and currently employing 20 people. We are based in Galway City and serve the needs of the local population as well as visitors from all over Ireland and crucially, international tourists.

The extension of the port and in particular the ability to attract the larger cruise ships will be of huge benefit, not only to our business, but to all retailers within the city. We foresee a boost to employment locally during the construction phase, which can only have a favourable impact, as well as a potentially huge economic benefit from the forecasted 800 jobs, which will be created due to the increased capacity of the port. Of particular significance for our business is the potential contribution from cruise tourism, due to the fact that the main shopping areas, our location included, are in such close proximity to the port. With a predicted 10,000 visitors expected in 2014, a dramatic increase in these numbers over the coming years, due to the ability of the port to accommodate the larger cruise liners, would provide a very strong base on which to rebuild in the aftermath of the recent economic decline.

Quite aside from the commercial port, the development of the inner harbour will allow the City of Galway to continue to attract maritime festivals such as the hugely successful Volvo Ocean and open up the town quays for future expansion of the city and the development of Galway as a waterfront city of excellence.

In closing, we recall the fact that Galway has throughout its history looked outwards to the seas, its merchants conducting trade with other ports throughout the world. This legacy should not only be continued, but strongly built upon into the future.

As such, Claddagh Jewellers are looking forward to a favourable outcome to this planning application, which we believe will contribute a huge economic benefit to the city, the region and the country as a whole

Yours faithfully,

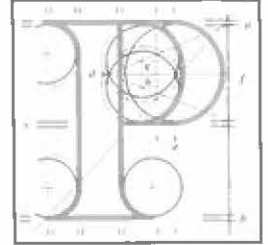


Philip Fried  
Managing Director

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Your Ref:



Philip Fried, Managing Director  
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5th March 2014

**Re: Galway Harbour Extension  
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway**

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter. If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Doherty  
Executive Officer  
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