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Re Galway Port Development project by Galway Harbour Co.

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to this project on the following grounds.

- (1) It will cause serious traffic chaos, we already have traffic problems in this city.
- (2) There is only one road they can use to get all the materials into or out of this development. There is an arched railway bridge a protected structure on it. This road floods with only one shower of rain because they have graded the road on either side of the bridge down to the bridge. Now Galway Harbour Company want the City Council to lower it another 1.2 metres. So the tax payer has to pay up to 500/800 thousands if not more and they could undermine the foundations of the bridge, it's an old structure. The road will have to be closed for 8/12 weeks that could close the whole town down. Maybe up to a year if the foundations are damaged that would also close the railway down. (I hope they dug trial holes at the base of the piers) (cowboys).
- (3) This port development is a no brainer. There is no future planning in it, or common sense. There are numerous cities around the world who have seen the folly of having a commercial docks in or near the centre of their cities and have moved them out. This has been going on for years. It has proved to have been a successful move. It makes sense. It reduces traffic on overcrowded roads. It also means that all hazardous materials are not taken into a populated area.
- (4) To bring now native invasive species right to the mouth of the River Corrib that is really selfharming. In the U.K. in 2010 it cost 1.7 Billion to just keep these species at bay and the U.K. have put in a lot of facilities to help keep them at bay, dry docks, cleaning facilities.
- (5) We already have an invasive weed in Ireland it covers up to 40 acres of Rimmeroon Bay in Lough Corrib plus other waterways in Ireland and it's a real battle. It's in Barrow Navigation, Grand Canal, Barrowline, www.caise.ie it's called Lagarosiphon Major (weed). You got the Zebra Mussel, Chinese Mitten Crab and 10 or so others, these could be costing Ireland billions in a year or two. What a legacy to leave our kids and the generations to come, and for what Pie in the Sky. I worked all my life in the building and civil engineering I have managed 3no multi million projects in the centre of London in the 1970/1980 and the only way I can put it is I have forgotten more about building and civil engineering than this lot knows.

Yours

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