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

The Business I represent is very supportive of this planning application and commends the harbour company on their foresight in bringing this project to planning stage.

O'Connors is a family business established in 1965, involved in retail, finance and tourism for many years.

We presently employ 10 people and hope to start to expand again shortly, after the most recent recession.

We believe that as a maritime city going back for centuries, Galway's future is dependent on creating the facilities to enable expansion in that area. Galway is a very compact city and this project will be easily and comfortably assimilated because of the proximity to the centre.

This proposal if it is allowed go ahead will add another dimension to Galway attractiveness as a tourist business and leisure destination.

The project will create a huge boost to the battered construction sector during the build, and hundreds of jobs will result as the economic benefit is realised in the years ahead. The Boston model which says 'Build it and they will come' is very much applicable in this case.

Increased commercial activity and business results in a benefit to everybody and Tourism is everybody's business. Opportunities also arise in the Fishing and offshore energy sector.

I believe this project will be a major driver in Galway's future development and it should be given all the support possible.

Yours sincerely,



Thomas P O'Connor

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