

Galway bay Inshore Fishermen's Association,
23, Coole Park,
Bohermore,
Co. Galway.

5th Dec 2014.

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With regard to your directive to Galway Harbour Company to provide further information regarding the above referenced planned development we wish your offices to take note of your failure to request further information from the appropriate agencies with regard to the importance of the commercial pot fisheries in the area proposed for development.

In our submission of 14th Feb 2014 we emphasised the significance of this area to our members' livelihoods—specifically the shrimp nursery area which will be destroyed.

We also outlined our concerns regarding the displacement of our members' vessels from their existing berthage. We have been unable to discover any follow up by Bord Pleanala on this matter.

An Bord Pleanala should take note that Galway is a niche port and given it's location at the top of a shallow bay, will always be so. As a destination for 1% of the nation's maritime trade and with no queue of vessels nor companies seeking the proposed development it would be wholly inappropriate to destroy this unique Natura site where seals, otters and dolphins can be seen within a ten minute walk from the city centre.

With regard to alternatives it should be noted that Killybegs is the port of choice by Shell, Rossaveal has planning permission in place for a deep water pier, and Dublin, Shannon/Foynes and Cork are all only a few hours primary network or motorway drive from Galway.

Patrick Oliver (Chairman)
Vincent Connell (Treasurer)