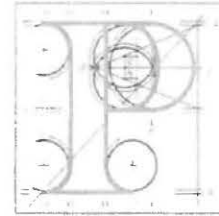


Our Case Number: PA0033



An
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Pleanála

Galway Chamber of Commerce
Commerce House
Merchants Road
Galway
Co. Galway

Date: 06 February 2025

Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

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.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

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,

Lauren Griffin
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737244

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Lauren Griffin

From: Lauren Griffin
Sent: Thursday 6 February 2025 13:04
To: emurphy@galwaychamber.com
Subject: RE: Ref: 61.PA.0033 - Galway Chamber Letter of Support re The Galway Port Planning Application

A Chara,

The Board acknowledges receipt of your email, official correspondence will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: Elaine Murphy <emurphy@galwaychamber.com>
Sent: Wednesday 5 February 2025 17:28
To: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
Cc: Deirdre Mac Loughlin <Deirdre@galwaychamber.com>
Subject: Ref: 61.PA.0033 - Galway Chamber Letter of Support re The Galway Port Planning Application

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the proposed development (Ref: 61.PA0033).

Having reviewed the updated Environmental and Natura Impact submission prepared by Tobin Consulting, please find attached Galway Chamber of Commerce's letter of continued support for the redevelopment of Galway Port, as proposed by Galway Harbour Company.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Best regards,

Elaine Murphy
Chief Operating Officer
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An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Ref: 61.PA.0033

5th February 2025

RE: SUBMISSION TO AN BORD PLEANALA RE THE GALWAY PORT PLANNING APPLICATION

Galway Chamber of Commerce & Industry represents 500 members across all business sectors with approximately 28,000 employees in Galway City, Galway County and the wider region. Established for over 200 years, Galway Chamber is committed to advocating for improved infrastructure, business development, and economic growth throughout the region.

Having reviewed the updated Environmental and Natura Impact submission prepared by Tobin Engineering, Galway Chamber continues to fully endorse and strongly support the plans for the redevelopment of Galway Port as proposed by Galway Harbour Company.

The vision of Galway evolving into a dynamic waterfront maritime hub, catering to commercial shipping, offshore energy, cruise tourism, and marine leisure, is fundamental to the sustainable growth of the city and the broader region.

Ireland's National Planning Framework (NPF), as outlined in Project Ireland 2040, underscores the necessity of renewable energy development, particularly in offshore wind and wave energy, as part of the transition to a low-carbon economy. The strategic location of Galway along the western seaboard positions it as a key contributor to these national objectives.

Furthermore, the inclusion of Galway Port in the European Union's Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) in 2022 highlights its significance in advancing renewable energy initiatives, particularly offshore wind projects. This designation enhances the port's role as a critical hub for offshore wind farm operations, maintenance, and energy transmission to the national grid.

Additionally, the redevelopment of Galway Port will significantly improve intermodal connectivity, linking maritime operations with road and rail networks, thereby facilitating more efficient movement of goods and passengers. This enhanced infrastructure will serve as a catalyst for regional economic development and increased investment in key sectors such as tourism, marine research, and sustainable energy.

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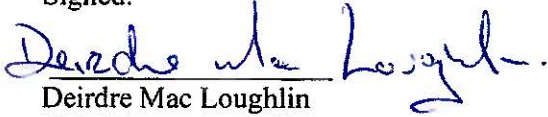


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Galway Chamber firmly believes that the development of Galway Port as a commercial entity and a centre for marine leisure, ocean energy, and tourism will be a key economic driver, central to the continued development of Galway City and the surrounding region.

By leveraging its coastal resources and strategic infrastructure, Galway can play a pivotal role in advancing Ireland's renewable energy targets, contributing to sustainable economic growth and the nation's transition to a low-carbon energy future.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deirdre Mac Loughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the first name.

Deirdre Mac Loughlin
Chief Executive Officer
Galway Chamber