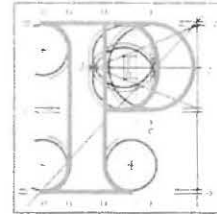


Our Case Number: PA0033



**An
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Pleanála**

Galway City Council
City Hall
College Road
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Date: 05 March 2025

Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your 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 in respect of this 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
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From: Lauren Griffin
Sent: Wednesday 5 March 2025 14:21
To: 'Anne.Hackett@galwaycity.ie'
Subject: RE: Galway Harbour Extension - Ref.: PA0033

A Chara,

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

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: Anne Hackett <Anne.Hackett@galwaycity.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 5 March 2025 14:03
To: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Galway Harbour Extension - Ref.: PA0033
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For the attention of Lauren Griffin, Executive Officer.

Good afternoon,

Further to your letter received on 20th February, attached please find response in relation to above.

Regards,

Anne Hackett

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5th March 2025

Re: Galway Harbour Extension - Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway.
An Bord Pleanála Case Number: PA0033

A chara,

In reply to your letter dated 19 February 2025, Galway City Council wishes to provide the following comments:

The applicant lodged the current planning application while the Galway City Development Plan 2011-2017 was in effect. Under this plan, Galway Harbour was viewed by Galway City Council as a vital transport facility, with the Council supporting proposals for its expansion and related infrastructure. The CE Report submitted by Galway City Council to An Bord Pleanála, dated 24 March 2014, considered in detail the proposed development in the context of the Galway City Development Plan 2011-2017. This report remains relevant, with many of the plan's objectives carried forward into the current Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029.

Since the application's lodgement, the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 has been adopted and is now in effect. It is considered that the proposed development aligns with the current city plan and its policies regarding the development of the Port of Galway (see relevant policies below):

Policy 4.7 Galway Port

Support proposals for development and extension of port facilities and an extension of the rail line to the port, which are of strategic importance to the City and the northern and western region.

Policy 6.9 Marine Sector and Renewable Energy

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Support the sustainable re- development and extension of the Port of Galway and the diversification and expansion of activities subject to environmental, visual, economic viability and transportation considerations, in line with the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPP) 2021, and any successor thereof, or any emerging national ports strategies.

The Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 emphasises the potential of the port to support offshore renewable energy which would complement their current role in supporting special project related imports including infrastructure for windfarms in the region. The plan also expresses support for the development of emerging energy technologies such as green hydrogen at Galway Port.

The Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 further states that a key sustainability element of national and regional policy is to deliver growth in a compact form with a focus on redevelopment of regeneration/brownfield sites and development of infill sites and underutilised land. The proposed development, if approved, would be expected to unlock the potential for redevelopment of the existing Inner Harbour lands. These lands are designated as a Regeneration Site in the City Development Plan which could facilitate a diverse mix of land uses, including recreational and amenity spaces, while also providing opportunities for housing.

With regard to alignment with national and regional policy, it is noted that the Northern and Western Regional Assembly *Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy 2020- 2032* states that upgrading Galway Harbour remains a key priority for the Western Region. It further considers that this proposed expansion will boost regional influence, support recreation, and attract more visitors to Galway City and beyond. The following specific objective is included in the RSES:

RPO 4.36 - To support the sustainable expansion and upgrade of Galway Harbour and Galway Port as part of the overall vision to grow Galway as a City Region, subject to visual, transport and economic viability considerations and in compliance with the EU Habitats Directive (which may necessitate consideration of IROPI).

In conclusion, Galway City Council considers that the proposed extension of Galway Port is in line with local, regional, and national policies, embodying a strategic vision for the city's economic growth. If approved, this development is expected to bring substantial benefits, including increased trade and tourism, further reinforcing Galway's status as a Regional City.

Is mise le meas,



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