Our Case Number: PA0033

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Date: 07 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
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Subject: RE: Planning Application [ref.61.PA0033] for development by Galway Harbour Company at Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway HSA:0270102

A Chara,

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

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: Dermot O'Callaghan <dermot_ocallaghan@hsa.ie>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:17 PM
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
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Dear Sir/Madam,
Please find correspondence attached relating to application reference 61.PA0033.
If you have any queries please contact me.

Regards,
Dermot

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07/02/2025

Ref: **CAS-17202-R5B6**

Re: Planning Application [ref.61.PA0033] for development by Galway Harbour Company at Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway

Dear Sir/Madam,

The approach of the Health and Safety Authority (the Authority) to Land-use Planning is set out in the document 'Guidance on technical land-use planning advice'. It is available from our website at: https://www.hsa.ie/eng/publications_and_forms/publications/chemical_and_hazardous_substances/guidance_on_technical_land-use_planning_advice.html
The document should be consulted to fully understand the advice given in this letter.

In that context and the Authority remit, in respect of this specific application the following points are relevant:

1. The application is covered by Regulation 24(2) (b) of S.I. 209 of 2015

2. **On the basis that no Class 1 petroleum products would be offloaded at the new jetty while a cruise ship is in the harbour**, the Authority **DOES NOT ADVISE AGAINST** the granting of planning permission in the context of major accident hazards.

3. The advice is only applicable to the specific circumstances of this proposal at this period of time. Future developments at this location should meet the requirements as outlined in the HSA Guidance on Technical Land Use Planning Advice.

4. Future development around COMAH establishments has the potential to impact on the expansion of those establishments.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

Dermot O'Callaghan

Dermot O'Callaghan
Inspector,
COMAH, Chemical Production & Storage (CCPS)

Encl: Note on the Approach of the HSA to the Provision of Land-use Planning Advice

Note on the Approach of the HSA to the Provision of Land-use Planning advice.

The Authority, acting as the Central Competent Authority under the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 209 of 2015), gives technical advice in response to a notice sent by a planning authority under Part 11 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2015. Under Regulation 24(2) of S.I. 209 of 2015, the technical advice on the effects of a proposed development on the risk or consequences of a major accident relates to the following types of developments within the consultation distance for an establishment:

(a) the siting and development of new establishments;

(b) modifications to establishments of the type described in Regulation 12(1);

(c) new developments including transport routes, locations of public use and residential areas in the vicinity of establishments, where the siting, modifications or developments may be the source of, or increase the risk or consequences of, a major accident.

The advice given is for the purposes of assessing new development only. A full explanation of the Authority's Land Use Planning advice system can be found at https://www.hsa.ie/eng/publications_and_forms/publications/chemical_and_hazardous_substances/guidance_on_technical_land-use_planning_advice.html

Your attention is drawn to Regulation 24(3) of S.I. 209 of 2015:

(3) The technical advice provided by the Central Competent Authority to a planning authority pursuant to paragraph (2) may be generic or case specific in nature and shall be so formulated that it will assist the planning authority to take into account the need, in the long term—

(a) to maintain appropriate safety distances between establishments covered by these Regulations and residential areas, buildings and areas of public use, recreational areas, and, as far as possible, major transport routes;

(b) to protect areas of particular natural sensitivity or interest in the vicinity of establishments, where appropriate through appropriate safety distances or other relevant measures; and

(c) for the operator to take additional technical measures, in the case of existing establishments, in accordance with Regulation 7, so as not to increase the risks to human health and the environment.

In giving its advice the Authority does not deal with routine emissions. Such emissions will be subject to EPA or Local Authority scrutiny and control.

The operator of an establishment covered by S.I. 209 of 2015 is also required to take all necessary measures to prevent major accidents occurring and to limit the consequences of any such major accidents for human health and the environment