Our Case Number: PA0033

An Bord Pleanála

Platform 94
Platform94 Tech & Innovation Cluster
Mervue Business Park
Co. Galway
H91D932

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. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

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,

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An Bord Pleanala
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
REF: 61.PA.0033

30th January 2025

Re: Galway Port planning application reference no. 61.PA.0033

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Platform94, we, the board of directors, are writing to express our strong continued support for the planning application submitted by Galway Harbour Company for the redevelopment and expansion of Galway Port. As an organisation committed to fostering economic growth and regional development, we recognise the strategic significance of this project for Galway, the West of Ireland, and beyond. Platform94 (formerly Galway Technology Centre) is the largest enterprise hub in the west of Ireland with over 80 companies and 640 people. Following on from our letter of support issued on 26th February 2014, this letter reconfirms our support of this application.

Galway has been a thriving port city for over 500 years, playing a crucial role in trade, commerce, and connectivity. However, the existing port infrastructure is no longer fit for purpose, hindering Galway's ability to remain competitive as a commercial hub. The expansion of Galway Port is essential to enhancing the region's global connectivity. This project aligns with key national and regional policies, including Project Ireland 2040, National Development Plan & Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and Renewable Energy Strategy. The successful completion of the Galway Port redevelopment will deliver transformative benefits, including Enhanced Trade and Logistics, Marine Tourism and Economic Diversification, Sustainability, Urban Redevelopment and Public Realm Expansion.

Given the economic, environmental, and infrastructural benefits of this project, Platform94 fully endorses this application. The successful delivery of this development will ensure that Galway continues to thrive as a major commercial, innovation, and maritime hub, securing its place as a key driver of regional and national prosperity.

We urge An Bord Pleanála to grant approval for this vital infrastructure project and look forward to seeing its positive impact on Galway and the broader West of Ireland region. Please find attached a bank draft for €50 in respect of the above submission.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Hickey
Chairman – Board of Directors

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