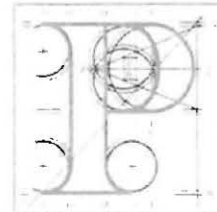


**Our Case Number:** PA0033



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**Date:** 21 February 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](http://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

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**From:** Lauren Griffin  
**Sent:** Friday 21 February 2025 14:32  
**To:** emmett.hegarty@water.ie  
**Subject:** RE: Observation request PA033 Galway Harbour Extension

A Chara,

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

Kind regards,

Lauren

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**From:** Emmett Hegarty(C) <[emmett.hegarty@water.ie](mailto:emmett.hegarty@water.ie)>  
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**Subject:** Observation request PA033 Galway Harbour Extension

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Irish water has received your request dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of February for observations regarding the Galway Harbour Extension project. ABP case number PA033 .

Please find attached UE's observations

If you have any issues or queries, please do not hesitate to reach out.

### **Emmett Hegarty**

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Thank you for your attention.

**Uisce Éireann Ref:** PN24000015655

**Planning Ref:** Bord Pleanála Case reference: PA0033

**Planning Authority:** Galway City Council

**Issue Date:** 7 February 2025

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**Development Location:**

Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway and Galway Harbour.

**Development Description:**

The construction of quay walls, breakwaters and wave walls to create commercial quays and a deep water docking facility, extending southwards into Galway Bay • dredging to create a new approach channel to the commercial quays and the deep water docking facility berths • reclamation of approx. 27 ha from the foreshore and sea bed • development of the reclaimed lands and redevelopment of part of the adjacent Galway Harbour Enterprise Park lands for Harbour related business • marina on the western side • fishing quays, slipway for a lifeboat station and a nautical centre on the eastern side • a twin track freight rail link from the existing Galway to Dublin rail line to the commercial quays, including embankments, rail overbridge to existing service road and noise abatement screening • the construction of oil and bitumen transfer pipelines to the existing oil and bitumen tank farms on the Galway Harbour Enterprise Park and the provision of fire water storage facilities. This falls within the remit of EU Directive (96/82 EC) on the control of Major Accident Hazards, known as the SEVESO II Directive • harbour related buildings, including Port Operations Office (4 storeys); Harbour Management Warehouse (single storey); Marina Office (single storey); Passenger Terminal (single storey); and ancillary car parking and site services, including 3 No. ESB sub-stations, demolition of 1 No. ESB sub-station, 3 No. Control Offices and Oil Terminal Water Pumphouse and a helicopter pad for search and rescue purposes. • the construction / improvement of access roads including the horizontal and vertical realignment of the road under Lough Atalia Road Rail Bridge [a protected structure] and realignment and improvements including traffic lights at Dock Road / Bóthar na Long / Galway Harbour Enterprise Park Access Road junction (adjacent to Harbour Hotel) • the provision of landscaping and amenity areas, including replacement of the previously permitted amenity strip from the southern seaward boundary of the Galway Harbour Enterprise Park to form an amenity link from the marina to the

nautical centre. • the proposal includes for all associated temporary and permanent site development [including service roads / realignment of roads and underground works], landscape works [including public lighting and services] and activities to facilitate the construction of the development.

A Chara,

As the National Water Utility Uisce Éireann delivers water services pursuant to the Water Services Act (and other legislation) and in accordance with our statutory functions and ancillary responsibilities and in a manner which is consistent with public policy.

Uisce Éireann is responsible for the delivery of all public water and wastewater services in Ireland. We are committed to continuously upgrading and developing critical infrastructure to support growth in our economy, while protecting the environment and safeguarding water supplies. Our primary function is to provide clean drinking water to customers and to treat and return wastewater safely to the environment. In providing these services we play a central role in enabling economic growth, protecting both the environment and the health and safety of our customers and the wider public.

This submission has been considered in the context of Uisce Éireann's obligations to provide public water services, the protection of existing and future public infrastructure to facilitate growth, the various Statutory Local Area Plans and County Development Plans, the plans and particulars of this application including the accompanying EIAR.

### **Connection(s) to Public Water and Wastewater**

The applicant is seeking to extend public water and wastewater network infrastructure, alongside other basic infrastructural services, from the existing Galway Harbour Enterprise Park (GHEP) into the proposed reclaimed landbank.

It is proposed that this will be achieved by connecting to the already present 300mm and 150mm Water and Wastewater mains serving the GHEP to feed a circuit of water main that runs through the planned expansion. Similarly with wastewater services. Similarly, the proposed 100mm rising sewer main will connect to the existing 100mm rising main serving the GHEP.

These new mains will facilitate the connection of the several proposed harbour operations and management buildings that form part of this proposal to the Uisce Éireann network(s).

### **Protection of Existing Uisce Éireann's Assets**

The proposals include groundworks and site development [including service roads / realignment of roads and underground works], landscape works and activities to facilitate the construction of the development.

Uisce Éireann has water and wastewater infrastructure in situ in the area as well as a 1800mm combined sewer and 150mm watermain in situ and along the Mutton Island causeway connecting the Mutton Island Wastewater Treatment Plant which Uisce Éireann currently operates.

The applicant must ensure these proposals do not negatively impact on public infrastructure.

### **Uisce Éireann's Observations**

To ensure adequate provision of water & wastewater services, protect and maintain access to in situ public water and waste infrastructure.

UÉ request the applicant to engage with us prior to works commencing to agree any diversion measures and/or achieve separation distances meeting Uisce Éireann's standards & codes of practice.

New connections and/or intensification of existing water & wastewater connections will require a valid connection agreement with UÉ.

Queries relating to the terms and observations above should be directed to [planning@water.ie](mailto:planning@water.ie)

Signed on behalf of Dermot Phelan  
Connections Delivery Manager