Our Case Number: PA0033

An Bord Pleanála

Vincent Connell
Galway Bay Inshore Fishermen's Association
23 Cook Park
Bohermore
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 15:03
To: vincentconnell23@gmail.com
Subject: RE: 61.PA0033

A Chara,

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

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: vincentconnell23 <vincentconnell23@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday 5 February 2025 12:30 pm
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Dear Sir/Madam,
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The proposed construction area and Mweeloon Bay are both within the Special Area of Conservation and there is an obligation on the State to actively conserve both area.
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Best Regards, Vincent Connell, Secretary.

Sent from my Galaxy

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SENT ON 05/02/2025

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