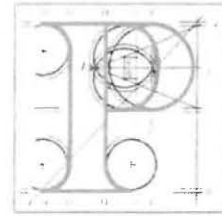


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An
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Western Development Commission
Dillon House
Ballaghaderreen
Co. Roscommon

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,

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Lauren Griffin

From: Lauren Griffin
Sent: Friday 7 February 2025 14:21
To: helenmchenry@wdc.ie
Subject: RE: WDC observations on Galway Harbour Extension Strategic Infrastructure Development Ref 61.PA0033

A Chara,

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

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: Helen McHenry <helenmchenry@wdc.ie>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:06 PM
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Cc: Allan Mulrooney <allanmulrooney@wdc.ie>
Subject: WDC observations on Galway Harbour Extension Strategic Infrastructure Development Ref 61.PA0033

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Please find attached observations from the Western Development Commission (WDC) on Strategic Infrastructure Development Ref 61.PA0033 Galway Harbour Extension

If you have any queries on this, please do get in touch.

Regards

Helen

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6 February 2025

Galway Harbour Extension Strategic Infrastructure Development Ref 61.PA0033.

Western Development Commission Observations on Further Information

The Western Development Commission (WDC) is a statutory body with a remit to promote, foster and encourage economic and social development in the Western Region (a seven-county region, with a significant coastline, comprising counties Clare, Donegal, Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon and Sligo).

The WDC would like to express its support for the proposed development of Galway Harbour.

The WDC supports the development of both onshore and offshore renewable energy in the Western Region and off the west coast. The WDC believes that the Port of Galway is a key infrastructure asset with a significant role to play in the economic development of the Region.

The proposed development of Galway Harbour will, we believe, enhance the capacity of the Port of Galway to support the growth of renewable energy opportunities in the Western Region. The role of ports is evolving, and the Port of Galway has the potential to establish itself as a strategic hub for renewable energy development. However, it must be positioned to capitalise on these opportunities.

The Port of Galway serves more than 1,000 km of the northwestern coastline of Ireland and is a key Atlantic-facing asset. Investment in and development of the port will contribute to a resilient marine infrastructure and enable the Region to maximise the



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opportunities presented by the marine economy, as well as broader regional development goals. Notably, this aligns with Ireland's Climate Action Plan and National Ports Policy, which highlight the critical role of ports in supporting offshore renewable energy and sustainable economic growth.

In conclusion, the WDC fully supports the proposed development and looks forward to engaging further as the project progresses.

Yours faithfully

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CEO, Western Development Commission



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