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An Bord Pleanála

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2nd February 2016

Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above mentioned proposed development and in particular to the Board's letter of 29th September, 2015 requesting the applicant, Galway Harbour Company, to submit proposals in relation to compensatory measures to address the impact on the integrity of the Galway Bay Complex SAC.

A response was received from the applicant on 24th November, 2015. The Board has examined the response and considers it appropriate to invite the views of the National Parks and Wildlife Service as to the acceptability in principle of the applicant's initial proposals in relation to compensatory measures.

Therefore, in accordance with section 37F(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, you are requested to make further submissions or observations in relation to these emerging proposals and/or a recommended approach to development of compensatory proposals relating to the project. A copy of the documentation as submitted by the applicant is enclosed.

Any submissions or observations to the Board relating to the proposals for compensatory measures should be made within 8 weeks of the date of this letter. Your response should be made to the Board on or before the **29th March, 2016.**

The Board has also directed that representatives of An Bord Pleanála should meet with representatives of the National Parks and Wildlife Service as provided for in accordance with section 37F(1)(e) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in order to discuss the acceptability in principle of these emerging proposals and/or a recommended approach to development of compensatory proposals relating to this project. However, the Board intends to schedule the meeting well in advance of the 29th March, 2016 deadline for the making of submissions or observations in relation to the compensatory measures.

In this regard, the Board is required to keep a written record of the meeting and make the record available for inspection as provided for in accordance with section 37F(3) of the Act.

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