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FOIRM FÓGRA LE FOILSIÚ I GCOMHRÉIR LE HALT 51(3)(a) D'ACHT NA MBÓITHRE 1993 (ARNA LEASÚ) I NDÁIL LE HIARRATAS AR CHEADÚ FHORBAIRT BÓITHRE BEARTAITHE AGUS TUAIRISC AR MHEASÚNÚ TIONCHAIR CHOMHSHAOIL AGUS RÁITEAS TIONCHAIR NÁDÚRTHA.

BUSCONNECTS GAILLIMH: SCÉIM NAISC TRASCHATHRACH (BÓTHAR NA hOLLSCOILE GO DTÍ BÓTHAR BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH).

Tá iarratas déanta ag Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe (CCG) faoi Alt 51(2) d'Acht na mBóithre 1993 (arna leasú) chuig an mBord Pleanála ('an Bord') ar cheadú maidir le forbairt bóthair atá beartaithe ar a mbeidh: an Scéim BusConnects Gaillimh: Nasc Traschathrach (Bóthar na hOllscoile go dtí Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath), a bhfuil fad iomlán comhcheangailte de thart ar 6.7km aige, agus atá suite feadh Bhóthar na hOllscoile, Ascaill Naomh Uinseann, Sráid San Proinsias, Sráid Eglinton, An Fhaiche Mhór, Sráid Forster, Bóthar an Choláiste agus Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath, agus cuimsítear ann freisin go leor bóithre laistigh de lár na cathrach - ina measc: Bóthar Faiche an Aonaigh, Bóthar Uí Eithir, Cnoc na Radharc, Bóthar na mBan, Ascaill Bhreandáin, Bóthar Áth Cinn, Bóthar na Díge, Barr an Chalaidh, Plás Daly, Bóthar na gCeannaithe, Sráid Chnoc an Sconsa, Sráid na Banríona agus Bóthar na Duga, iad go léir suite i gContae na Gaillimhe agus laistigh de limistéar riaracháin Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe (CCG), inter alia:

- 3.0 km (débhealach) de bhonneagar tosaíochta bus agus de bhainistiú tráchta;
- 3.7 km (débhealach) de bhonneagar sráide agus de bhainistiú tráchta;
- 1.2km (an dá threo, san iomlán) de bhonneagar rothaíochta;
- Soláthar áiseanna nua/athchóirithe do choisithe agus cosáin feadh na scéime agus oibreacha coimhdeacha eile;
- Soláthar 11 acomhal nua/leasaithe, rialaithe ag solas tráchta.
- Soláthar 19 crosaire coisithe nua/leasaithe
- 29 áiseanna iontrála taobh boird ardaithe nua/athchóirithe
- 9 acomhal/crosaire boird ardaithe nua/athchóirithe
- Athchumrú ar stadanna bus atá ann cheana féin agus stadanna nua, 26 stad bhus san iomlán
- Athchumrú na mbánna páirceála do chóistí atá ann cheana féin agus cruthú chinn nua, rud a fhágfaidh go mbeidh 18 mbá páirceála cóistí / stad tuirlingthe ann;
- Oibreacha Ríocht Phoiblí, lena n-áirítear tírdhreachtú, plandú, troscán sráide, soilsiú sráide, ballaí coinneála, ballaí teorann agus bearta draenála uirbí inbhuanaithe (SUDanna);
- Créfoirt a bhaineann le bóithre, ina measc: tochailt ábhair do-ghlactha, iompórtáil ábhair, stóráil sealadach ábhair;
- Pábháil bóthair, comharthaíocht, líneáil agus oibreacha coimhdeacha
- Geataí, fál agus oibreacha cóireála teorann;
- Bonneagar draenála nua agus atreoraithe;
- Atreorú fóntais agus seirbhísí lena n-áirítear oibreacha coimhdeacha gaolmhara; agus
- Tógáil oibreacha cóiríochta lena n-áirítear cóireáil teorann agus grádú coimhdeach agus oibreacha tírdhreachtaithe;

mar aon leis na hoibreacha coimhdeacha agus oibreacha iarmhartacha go léir a bhaineann leo sin.

Cuirfear tús leis an Nasc Traschathrach ón R863 Bóthar na hOllscoile ag crosbhealach R864 Bóthar an Chaisleáin Nua. Leanann sé ar aghaidh feadh R863 Bhóthar na hOllscoile, trasna Dhroichead na mBradán agus fanann sé ar an R863, sula gcasann sé ar an R866 Sráid San Proinsias / Sráid Eglinton, ag acomhal Theach Cúirte na Gaillimhe. Leanann an Scéim Bheartaithe ar aghaidh feadh an R866 ar Shráid San Proinsias agus Sráid Eglinton agus timpeall imlíne thuaidh (R866) agus oirthear (R336) na Faiche Móire agus ar aghaidh go dtí R339 Sráid Forster. Leanann sé ar aghaidh ansin trí Acomhal Bhóthar Faiche an Aonaigh agus feadh Bóthar an Choláiste R339 suas go dtí an acomhal le Bóthar Loch an tSáile. Ón áit sin, leanann an Scéim Bheartaithe ar aghaidh ar acomhal R339 Bóthar an Choláiste go dtí Acomhal Mhóinín na gCiseach, agus críochnaíonn sí ar an R338 Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath, díreach roimh an mbealach isteach chuig Campas Woodlands do Bhráithre na Carthanachta. Léirítear suíomh na forbartha bóthair atá beartaithe sa léarscáil a ghabhann leis seo.

Tá an Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnú Tionchair Chomhshaoil, a ullmhaíodh de réir Alt 50 d'Acht na mBóithre 1993 (arna leasú) agus Treoir 2011/92/AE ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa, agus ón gComhairle an 13 Nollaig 2011 maidir leis an measúnú ar an gcomhshaol, curtha faoi bhráid an Bhoird ag Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe. Baineann an measúnú leis na héifeachtaí a bhfuil ag tionscnaimh poiblí agus príobháideacha áirithe ar an gcomhshaol, arna leasú le Treoir 2014/52/AE ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle an 16 Aibreán 2014 maidir leis an bhforbairt bóthair atá beartaithe.

Ullmhaíodh Ráiteas Tionchair Nádúrtha freisin, agus cuireadh faoi bhráid an Bhoird é maidir leis an bhforbairt bóthair atá beartaithe faoi Chuid XAB den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú).

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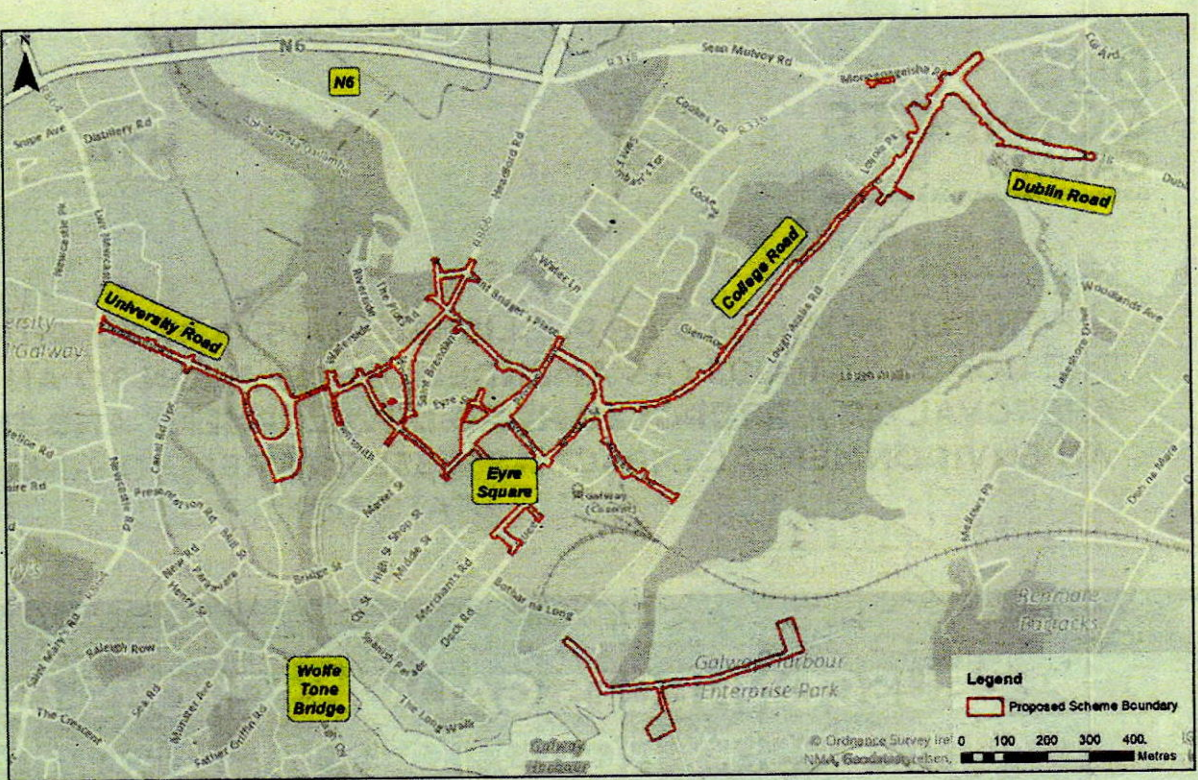
Is féidir cóip de na doiciméid iarratais, an Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnú Tionchair Chomhshaoil agus an Ráiteas Tionchair Nádúrtha a fheiceáil ag na láithreacha seo a leanas ar laethanta oibre idir 09:00 agus 16:00 ag Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus idir na huaireanta 9:15r.n. agus 5:30i.n. ag an mBord Pleanála ó Dé Céadaoin 21 Meán Fómhair go dtí De hAoine 18 Samhain 2022.



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Halla na Cathrach
Bóthar an Choláiste
Gaillimh
H91 X4K8

An Bord Pleanála
64 Sráid Marlborough
Baile Átha Cliath 1
D01 V902

Is féidir cóip den Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnú Tionchair Chomhshaol (TMTC) (nó cuid/codanna de) agus/nó den Ráiteas Tionchair Nádúrtha (RTN) a cheannach ó Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe ach na táillí seo a leanas a íoc:

- TMTC Imleabhar 1 Achoimre Neamhtheicniúil €15
- TMTC Imleabhar 2 Príomhthéacs €150
- TMTC Imleabhar 3 Figiúirí €200
- TMTC Imleabhar 4 Aguisíní €150
- RTN Ráiteas Tionchair Nádúrtha €90

ó Dé Céadaoin 21 Meán Fómhair go dtí Dé hAoine 18 Samhain 2022.

Is féidir iarratais cheannaigh den sórt sin a chur chuig **Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe, Halla na Cathrach, Bóthar an Choláiste, Gaillimh H91 X4K8** nó **busconnects@galwaycity.ie**

Is féidir cóip de na doiciméid iarratais, TMTC agus RTN a fheiceáil agus a íoslódáil saor in aisce ar shuíomh gréasáin Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe don Scéim Nasc Traschathrach BusConnects Gaillimh (Bóthar na hOllscoile go Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath), ag: **www.CrossCityLinkGalway.ie**

Féadfaidh an Bord, maidir le hiarratas ar cheadú faoi Alt 51 d'Acht na mBóithre 1993 (arna leasú), le hordú, an fhorbairt bóthair atá beartaithe a cheadú le nó gan athruithe, agus faoi réir cibé coinníollacha gur cheart, nó féadfaidh sé diúltú forbairt den sórt sin ná aon chuid di a cheadú.

Is féidir aighneachtaí/tuairimí a dhéanamh i scríbhinn chuig **an mBord Pleanála (Rannán an Bhonneagair Straitéisigh), 64 Sráid Marlborough, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902, maidir le:**

- na héifeachtaí dóchúla a bheidh ag an bhforbairt bóthair atá beartaithe ar an gcomhshaol, má dhéantar é;
- impleachtaí na forbartha bóthair atá beartaithe, má dhéantar iad, do phleanáil chuí agus d'fhorbairt inbhuanaithe sa limistéar ina bhfuil sé beartaithe é a lonnú; agus na héifeachtaí suntasacha dóchúla a bheidh ag an bhforbairt bóthair atá beartaithe ar shuíomh Eorpach

idir 21 Meán Fómhair agus 18 Samhain 2022.

Ní mór táille €50 a chur le haon aighneachtaí/tuairimí ní mór don Bhord iad a fháil tráth nach déanaí ná 5.30 p.m. ar an 18 Samhain 2022. Ní bhainfidh an táille seo le comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe lena n-áirítear iad siúd a shonraítear in Alt 51(3)(b) d'Acht na mBóithre 1993 (arna leasú) ná le húinéirí talún ná le daoine eile a bhfuil leas dlíthiúil acu i dtalamh atá ag cur i gcoinne an talamh a cheannach go héigeantach ina bhfuil an leas sin acu.

Is féidir aighneachtaí/tuairimí a dhéanamh freisin ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Bhoird Pleanála ag an seoladh seo a leanas: **https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation**

Ba chóir aon cheisteanna a bhaineann leis an bpróiseas iarratais a chur chuig Rannóg Forbartha Bonneagair Straitéisigh an Bhoird Phleanála (Teil. 01-8588100).

Is féidir le duine bailíocht aon chinnidh ón mBord maidir le forbairt bóthair beartaithe a cheistiú trí iarratas ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach de réir Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna (S.I. Uimh. 15 de 1986 arna leasú) agus de réir Ailt 50, 50A agus 50B den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú). Is féidir teacht ar fhaisnéis phraiticiúil maidir leis an meicníocht athbhreithnithe faoin gceannteideal: "Fógraí Dlí - Fógra Athbhreithnithe Dlíthiúla" ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird Phleanála, www.pleanala.ie. Tá an t-eolas seo ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin na Seirbhíse um Fhaisnéis do Shaoránaigh freisin: **www.citizensinformation.ie**

Dátaithe an 16ú lá de Mheán Fómhair,

Brendan McGrath
Príomhfheidhmeannach
Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe

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FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(3)(a) OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 (AS AMENDED) IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT.

BUSCONNECTS GALWAY: CROSS-CITY LINK (UNIVERSITY ROAD TO DUBLIN ROAD) SCHEME

Galway City Council (GCC) has applied under Section 51(2) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') for approval in relation to a proposed road development consisting of: The BusConnects Galway: Cross-City Link (University Road to Dublin Road) Scheme which has an overall combined length of approximately 6.7km, and is routed along the University Road, St. Vincent's Avenue, St. Francis Street, Eglinton Street, Eyre Square, Forster Street, College Road and Dublin Road and also encompasses numerous roads within the city centre including Fairgreen Road, Bothar Uí Eithir, Prospect Hill, Bothar na mBan, St. Brendan's Avenue, Headford Road, Dyke Road, Woodquay, Daly's Place, Merchants Road, Forthill Street, Queen Street and Dock Road, all in the County of Galway and within the Galway City Council (GCC) administrative area, inter alia:

- 3.0 km (two-way) of bus priority infrastructure and traffic management;
- 3.7 km (two-way) of street infrastructure and traffic management;
- 1.2km (total both directions) of cycling infrastructure;
- Provision of new/refurbished pedestrian facilities and footpaths along the scheme and associated ancillary works;
- Provision of 11 new/amended traffic signal controlled junctions.
- Provision of 19 new/amended controlled pedestrian crossings
- Provision of 29 new/refurbished raised table side entry facilities;
- Provision of 9 new/refurbished raised table junctions/crossings;
- Reconfiguration of existing and new bus stops resulting in 26 number bus stop facilities;
- Reconfiguration of existing and new coach parking bays resulting in 18 number coach parking / set-down bays;
- Public Realm works including landscaping, planting, street furniture, street lighting, retaining walls, boundary walls and sustainable urban drainage (SUDs) measures;
- Roads associated earthworks including excavation of unacceptable material, importation of material, temporary storage of materials;
- Provision of road pavement, signing, lining and ancillary works;
- Provision of gates, fencing and boundary treatment works;
- Provision of new and diverted drainage infrastructure;
- Diversion of utilities and services including associated ancillary works; and
- Construction of accommodation works including boundary treatment and ancillary grading and landscaping works;

together with all ancillary and consequential works associated therewith.

The Cross-City Link will begin from R863 University Road at the intersection of R864 Newcastle Road. It proceeds along R863 University Road, across the Salmon Weir Bridge and staying on the R863, before turning onto R866 St Francis Street / Eglinton Street, at the Galway Courthouse junction. The Proposed Scheme continues along the R866 on St. Francis Street and Eglinton Street and around the northern (R866) and eastern (R336) perimeter of Eyre Square and on to R339 Forster Street. It then continues through the Fairgreen Road Junction and along R339 College Road as far as the junction with Lough Atalia Road. From here, the Proposed Scheme continues on R339 College Road to Moneenageisha junction and terminates on R338 Dublin Road immediately prior to the entrance to the Woodlands Campus for Brothers of Charity. The location of the proposed road development is illustrated in the accompanying map.

GCC has submitted to the Board the Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared in accordance with Section 50 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) and Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 in respect of the proposed road development.

A Natura Impact Statement has also been prepared and has been submitted to the Board in respect of the proposed road development under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

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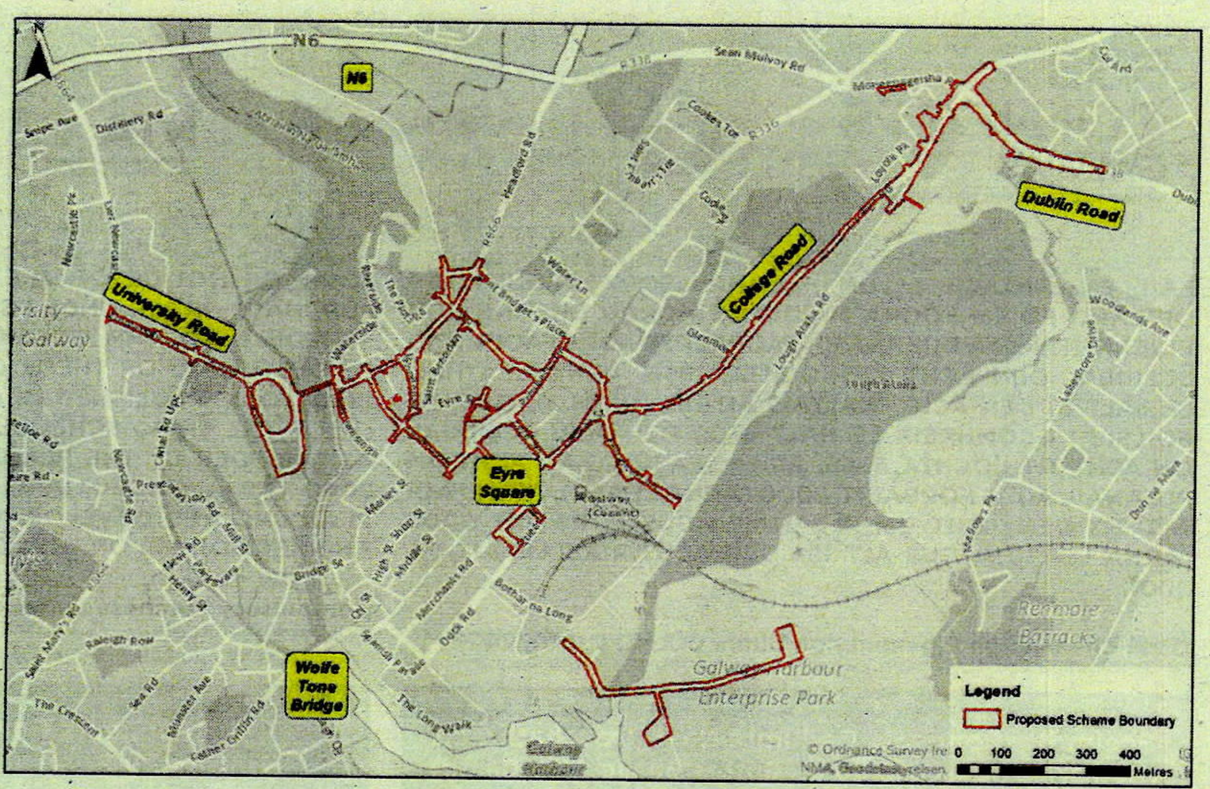
A copy of the application documentation, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement may be inspected at the following locations on working days between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 at Galway City Council and between the hours of 9:15am and 5:30pm at An Bord Pleanála from Wednesday 21st September to Friday 18th November 2022.

Galway City Council
City Hall, College Road,
Galway H91 X4K8

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1D01 V902



A copy of Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (or part(s) thereof) and/ or the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be purchased from Galway City Council on payment of the following fees:

- EIAR Volume 1 Non-Technical Summary €15
- EIAR Volume 2 Main Text €150
- EIAR Volume 3 EIAR Figures €200
- EIAR Volume 4 EIAR Appendices €150
- NIS Natura Impact Statement €90

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Such purchase requests may be sent to **Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, H91 X4K8** or **busconnects@galwaycity.ie**

A copy of the application documentation, EIAR and NIS may be inspected and downloaded free of charge at the Galway City Council website for the BusConnects Galway: Cross-City Link (University Road to Dublin Road) Scheme at: **www.CrossCityLinkGalway.ie**

The Board may, in relation to an application for approval under Section 51 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended), by order, approve the proposed road development with or without modifications and subject to whatever conditions it considers appropriate or it may refuse to approve such development or any part thereof.

Submissions/observations may be made in writing to the Board at **An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902** in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development, if carried out;
- the implications of the proposed road development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed road development; and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on a European site

between Wednesday 21st September to Friday 18th November 2022.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 18th November 2022. This fee will not apply to certain prescribed bodies including those specified in Section 51(3)(b) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) or to landowners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in which they have such an interest.

Submissions/observations can also be made on the An Bord Pleanála website at the following address: **https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation**

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of any decision by the Board on a proposed road development by way of an application for judicial review in accordance with Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986 as amended) and in accordance with Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading: "Legal Notices - Judicial Review Notice" on An Bord Pleanála website www.pleanala.ie. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website **www.citizensinformation.ie**

Dated this 16th day of September 2022.

Brendan McGrath
Chief Executive
Galway City Council

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
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