

Appendix 1A

Consultee Responses 2025

Our Ref: 24984. CF/MT

Date: 21 May 2025

Insert Address

Re: Consultation regarding a Substitute Consent Application for development on lands at Ros an Mhíl, Fishery Harbour Centre, Co. Galway

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), intends to make an application in mid July 2025 to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for Substitute Consent under the provisions of section 177E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for (i) retrospective permission in relation to development works undertaken between 11th July 2023 and 20th May 2024 for a new Deep Water Quay at Ros an Mhíl, (Rossaveel) Fishery Harbour Centre. Co. Galway and (ii) a simultaneous application for permission to undertake the remaining works to complete the Deep Water Quay development.

An overview of the development for which consent is being sought is being attached.

Malachy Walsh and Partners (MWP) has been engaged by the DAFM to prepare a remedial Environmental Impact Assessment Report (rEIAR) to accompany the Substitute Consent Application in respect of the development works undertaken between 11th July 2023 and 20th May 2024.

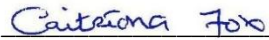
Malachy Walsh and Partners (MWP) has also been engaged by the DAFM to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) in respect of the simultaneous application relating to the proposed future works to complete the Deep Water Quay.

I am consulting with you on this application as it may be of interest or concern to you (or your organisation). While there will be opportunity to make comments and/or a submission on the application as part of the planning process, if there are any key issues which you consider should be

addressed as part of the development, planning application or assessments we would welcome your input at this stage.

Should you require additional information or wish to further discuss the proposal, please contact me by email at caitriona.fox@mwp.ie or by post to MWP Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Reen Point, Blennerville, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 X2TK, Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Caitriona Fox". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Caitriona Fox
Environmental Consultant
for MWP

DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

1 Prospective Applicant Details:

The application for substitute consent will be made by The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (on behalf of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine).

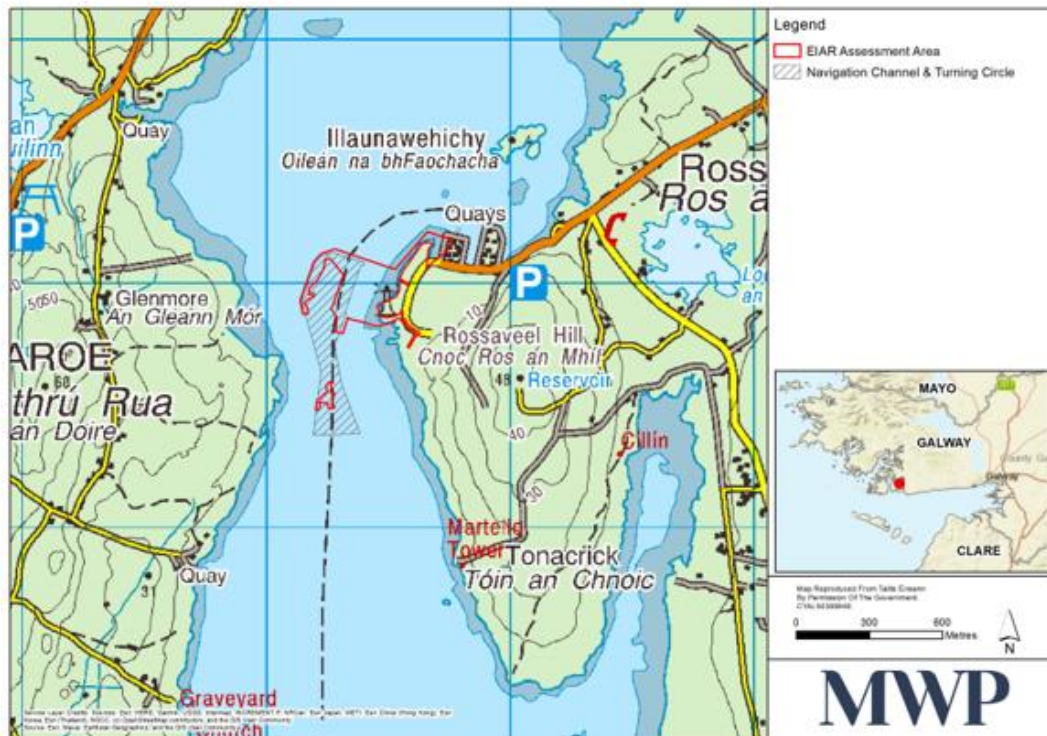
2 Site Location Details:

The application site is within Ros an Mhíl Harbour located on the north-east shore of Cashla Bay near the village of Ros an Mhíl in Connemara approximately 40 kilometres to the west of Galway city.

The majority of the terrestrial lands are reclaimed lands.

Part of the development is located in the nearshore area of the maritime area, being seaward of the high-water mark of ordinary or medium tides, and within three nautical miles from shore.

Figure 1 Site Location



3 Application Background

Planning permission for a new Deep Water Quay development at Ros an Mhíl was granted by Galway County Council on 2nd April 2018. (Planning Ref 17/967). The permitted Deep Water Quay Development included the following main construction elements:

- Construction of a new 200m long quay wall structure, including all associated infilling and land reclamation
- Construction of reclamation area of circa 2.4 hectares to act as a quay/storage hinterland area
- Dredging of a 30m wide x 200m long berthing pocket adjacent to the new quay to a depth of -12.0m Chart Datum
- Dredging of a Navigation Channel and Turning Circle to a depth of -8.0m Chart Datum
- Provision of all water & electrical services
- Heavy duty pavement surfacing to new quay structure area
- Ancillary marine facilities and services
- Security and Access Arrangements for Quay Facilities

Works on the development commenced on 26th January 2023 and were well advanced throughout 2023. The application for permission included a formal request for a specified “appropriate period” of ten years duration. This request was not expressly addressed by the Planning Authority of Galway County Council. That being so, the Department conservatively formed the view that the planning permission was for a 5-year period only. Having regard to sections 251 and 251A of the Planning Acts, on this basis, the expiry date was 11th July 2023.

Prior to the assumed expiration date of 11th July, an application was made to the Planning Authority, Galway County Council on 23rd May 2023 to extend the duration of the permission for a further 5-year period. Galway County Council issued a decision to extend the permission on 11th July 2023. (Planning Ref 23/218 refers). (For completeness, two earlier applications to extend the duration of the permission were made, Planning Ref 22/460 was refused and Planning Ref 23/60548 was declared incomplete.)

With the benefit of the grant of the 5-year extension of duration, to the 11th July 2028, the Department continued the works in the expectation to have same completed within approximately one year.

However, on or about 4th September 2023, legal proceedings commenced against the Planning Authority, Galway County Council which questioned the validity of the decision of the Council to extend the duration of the permission: Wild Ireland Defence CLG v. Galway County Council, High Court 2023 1007 JR.

On 17th May 2024, Galway County Council wrote to the solicitor representing Wild Ireland Defence CLG to state that the Council did not intend to defend the proceedings and would consent to an order quashing the decision to extend the duration of the planning permission. Thus, the DAFM ceased work on the lands on 20th May 2024.

The final order in the Wild Ireland Defence CLG proceedings was made on the 22 October 2024 and the decision to extend the duration of the permission was quashed by an order of certiorari of the High Court.

Therefore, the permission for the development under Planning Reg. Ref 17/967 expired on 11th July 2023.

It follows that:

- Development up to and including 10th July 2023 was carried out as lawful permitted development under and in accordance with Planning Reg. Ref. 17/967;
- Development carried out from 11th July 2023 to 20th May 2024, which was presumed lawful permitted development under and in accordance with Planning Reg. Ref. 17/967 as extended by Planning Reg. Ref. 23/218, now requires to be regularised by way of an application for substitute consent; and
- Development permitted under Planning Reg. Ref. 17/967, but not yet carried out, now requires a new permission by way of a simultaneous application as part of the substitute consent process.

3.1 Development carried out up to and including 10th July 2023 (under Planning Permission 17/967)

The status of the site at the outset of construction in January 2023 and the extent of the works completed by 10th July 2023 are as shown in the aerial images below.

During this time works carried out were mainly importation of engineering fill material to reclaim land from the existing shore to the line of the proposed new quay wall, that is, to the northeast of the line of the new quay wall. This involved transportation of material from local quarries to the site, tipping from the lorries and use of excavators to place and level the material. The approximate quantity placed is 390,000 tonnes of stone.

In June 2023, construction of a 120m rock revetment commenced from the shoreline at the northern end of the proposed quay wall in the seaward (westerly) direction. This work comprised of importing and placing rock armour of size 1 to 2 tonne, also brought from local quarries. Approximately 75m of the revetment was completed.

In June 2023, drilling and blasting operations commenced for the berthing pocket and quay wall foundations. Drilling was carried out using drilling rigs operating from a (temporary) platform made from fill material. The first blast (Blast No. 1) was conducted on 26th June 2023. Blast No 2 took place on 07th July 2023. Drilling for blast No 3 was ongoing on 10th July 2023.

In May 2023, works commenced on the fabrication of bespoke pre-cast concrete caisson units for the proposed quay wall. By 10th July 2023 a total of 20 No. of these caissons were completed.

Prior to the expiration of the permission, significant works had then been completed i.e. 90% of the 2.4 hectares reclamation was complete and over 15% of the rock blasting in the berth pocket was complete.

Figure 2 Development site status 31 January 2023 (prior to commencement)



Figure 3 Development site status 10th July 2023



3.2 Development works undertaken between July 2023 and May 2024

Permission is being sought for retention of the works done between 11th July 2023 and 20th May 2024 for the development of the deep water quay construction in Ros an Mhíl, Co. Galway.

These specific works which were;

- Drilling and blasting of rock seabed of approximately 25,500 cum was completed and a temporary bund was constructed.
- Fabrication of pre-casting of the concrete caisson units off-site was completed and 91 boxes (representing approx. 25% of the total) were brought to site in readiness for placement.
- The set-up of a concrete batching plant and the use of a steel guide frame for installation of foundation precast units.

Drilling and blasting continued along with dredging operations for the berthing pocket and quay wall foundations from 11th July 2023 onwards. Blast No 3 took place on 17th July 2023. Blast No 4 took place on 10th August 2023. A further 15 nr blasts took place between the 23rd August 2023 and the 29th of March 2024. These drilling and blasting works were completed on the 29th March 2024.

In September 2023, the contractor commenced to set up a project specific ready-mix concrete batching plant on site to facilitate the works. A concrete base was constructed in September 2023 and the batching plant was installed in October 2023.

Delivery of bespoke pre-cast concrete caisson units for the proposed quay wall to site at Ros an Mhíl commenced in November 2023 and by end of 10th January 2024 a total of 92 caisson units had been delivered.

In March 2024, 2 No bespoke pre-cast concrete L-Wall Units measuring approximately 2.5m long X 1.4m wide X 3.4m high and weighing approx. 12 tonnes were delivered to the site. Today a total of 121nr L Wall units are completed and stored off-site at Banagher Concrete yard.

In April 2024, works commenced on preparing the seabed and the placement of 12m long pre-cast concrete ground beams for the Quay Wall foundations on which the caissons would be placed. The first pair of ground beams were installed on the 30th April 2024, the second pair of ground beams were installed on the 8th May 2024, the third pair of ground beams were installed on the 10th May 2024 and the fourth set of ground beams were installed on the 16th May 2024. To date 48 linear metres of pairs of ground beams are installed.

The status of the site in July 2023 and extent of the works completed by 20th May 2024, are as shown in the aerial images below.

Works on the site ceased on 20th May 2024.

Since the 20th May 2024 all plant, equipment site offices, concrete batching plant and the precast concrete caissons had been removed from site.

The recommended environmental controls and monitoring i.e. Water quality monitoring, vibration monitoring, archaeological monitoring and marine mammal observation monitoring was undertaken during the works and will continue during the next phase of works once the proposed development is permitted.

Figure 4 Development site status 10th July 2023



Figure 5 Development site status 14th May 2024



Figure 6 Development site status present day



3.3 Remaining development to be completed

In order to complete the development permitted under Planning Reg. Ref. 17/967, the following development not yet carried out is still required:

- Quay wall construction using precast beams as a foundation plinth for precast boxes and subsequent placement of circa 358 nr. precast boxes and 121 L-wall units to full height of the quay wall. Infilling within each box using mass concrete infill placed underwater, using tremie pipes. Overall length of 200m frontage and circa 40m return walls created at northern and southern ends.
- Dredging of a 30m wide x 200m long berthing pocket adjacent to the new quay to a depth of - 10.0m Chart Datum
- Backfill behind the quay wall using rockfill to the new ground level. This rockfill will be sourced from the temporary bund around the perimeter of the quay wall that protects the construction activities for divers.
- Backfill the remainder of the site with imported rockfill plus capping layer of clause 804 (300mm deep) and surfacing of that clause 804 using a bituminous tack coat with stone chips overlaid (surface dressing) as a running surface for fisheries related traffic in the hinterland area.
- Place reinforced concrete deck (apron slab) behind the quay wall at 36m wide x 200m long

- Lay an asphalt roadway connecting the concrete apron at the quayside to the existing road at the southern side of the site.
- Install lighting columns, underground ducts, surface water drainage, outfalls, interceptor, foul pumping station and rising main to connect to existing services.
- Construct a new ESB electrical sub-station for dedicated power provision to the new deep-water quay.
- Place remainder of rock armour (approx. 65%) for revetments along northern and southern extent of reclaimed site.
- Excavation by dredging and rock blasting (if required) of the navigation channel including circa 3,000m³ of seabed material in isolated locations on each side of the channel to provide for a fully dredged navigation channel of -7m Chart Datum.
- Re-establish the temporary site compound for contractor personnel.
- Re-establish the temporary concrete batching plant to provide on-site mass concrete for the quay wall construction.
- Install palisade fencing on perimeter, roadside guard rails, gates and traffic barrier.

Figure 7 below provides a photomontage of the completed deep water quay development at Ros an Mhil.

Figure 7: Visual of proposed Ros an Mhil deep water quay development



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24.09.2025

A chara,

Tá Coiste Tacaíochta Chalafort Ros a'Mhíl ag tacú go hiomlán le forbairt na céibh domhain mhara i Ros a Mhíl.

Mar ghrúpa gnólachtaí agus ionadaithe pobail i gceantar Ros a Mhíl, tá feachtas déanta againn ar son céibh dhomhain mhara a fhorbairt ag calafort Ros a Mhíl le cúig bliana is fiche anuas. Le linn na tréimhse sin, chonaiceamar an laghdú ar an méid éisc atá ag teacht I dtír I Ros a Mhíl mar gheall ar srianta ar na háiseanna sa chalafort.

Tabharfaidh an bonneagar seo an deis chun méadú a dhéanamh ar líon an éisc ag teacht I dtír ó thrálaeir mhóra, rud a chuirfeadh fostaíocht bhreise ar fáil i bpróiseáil éisc go háitiúil. Éascóidh an cainéal níos doimhne, an ciorcal casadh agus na berths forbairt Fuinneamh In-athnuaite Amach ón gCósta (ORE) ar an gcósta thiar freisin.

Creidimid go bhfuil an tionchar timpeallachta i gcoitinne an-dearfach don chuan agus don phobal áitiúil agus bhíomar an-sásta le cur chuige DAFM agus a gconraitheoirí le linn na n-oibreacha go dtí seo.

Is mise le meas,

Cathal Groonell,

Cathaoirleach

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To Whom it concerns,

Thank you for contacting Irish Lights requesting observations on this application, Consultation regarding a substitute consent application for development on lands at Ros an Mhíl, Fishery Harbour Centre, Co. Galway.

Irish Lights advises that any construction lighting or shore based operational lighting must not interfere with existing Aids to Navigation. If new Aids to Navigation are planned for the finished pier, statutory consent under the Merchant Shipping Act will be required from Irish Lights prior to installation.

As the submitted plan involves dredging, a consent from Irish Lights will be required if turbidity monitoring buoys are needed to monitor water quality.

Any Appropriate Assessment (or Appropriate Assessment Screening) conducted as part of this substitute consent submission should consider the potential impact of deployment of surface marking buoys and associated moorings which may be required as part of the project.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the team.

Yours sincerely,

John Dawson
Navigation Services Manager

From: [Housing Manager DAU](#)
To: [Emma Phelan](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed Ros an Mhil Deep Water Quay Development – Information and request for feedback.
Sent: 23/05/2025 10:34:27

Our Ref: G Pre00167/2025 (Please quote in all related correspondence)

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I acknowledge receipt of your pre planning request.

The normal target turnaround for pre-planning and other general consultations is six weeks from date of receipt. In relation to general consultations from public bodies under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 to 2011, the Department endeavours to meet deadline dates, where requested.

If you have not heard from DAU and wish to receive an update, please email manager.dau@npws.gov.ie.

Regards,



Simon Dolan

An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
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Subject: Proposed Ros an Mhil Deep Water Quay Development – Information and request for feedback.

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Dear Development Applications Unit,

Please find attached a letter and project information about the proposed application for Substitute Consent for the previous works, and for Planning Permission for the remainder of the works still to be undertaken for the proposed Ros an Mhil Deep Water Quay by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in July 2025. This is being sent to you as it may be of interest or concern to you (or your organisation). We would also welcome your feedback or comments on these submissions.

Best Regards,

Emma Phelan on behalf of Caitriona Fox of MWP.

Proposed Deep Water Quay Development

We are pleased to hear the long-awaited news that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) intends to apply to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for permission to complete the remaining works on the Deep Water Quay development at Ros a Mhil.

As operators of the adjacent stone quarry and material providers for the site, we recognize the significant benefits the completion of these works will bring to the area. Ros a Mhil is poised to prosper, and the project will generate much-needed jobs.

The establishment of a deep-water berth will enable larger fishing vessels to dock and offload their catches for the markets. Furthermore, it offers considerable potential for the wind energy industry to operate from this strategic location. Completing this development will not only enhance the area's infrastructure but also resolve the current visual blight, allowing for the successful finalization of the project.



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Emma, Caitriona,

Thank you for the letter. We are discussing this internally next. Would you be able to provide us with the following information for review as a matter of urgency.

- A drawing showing the differences between the application made in 2017 (GCC reference 17967) and the one being proposed for the substitute consent.

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Dear Udaras na Gaeltachta,

Please find attached a letter and project information about the proposed application for Substitute Consent for the previous works, and for Planning Permission for the remainder of the works still to be undertaken for the proposed Ros an Mhil Deep Water Quay by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in July 2025.

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Best Regards,

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Fógra faoi Rúndacht agus Síniú Leictreonach: Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon iatán a ghabhann leis rúnda agus tharlódh go mbeadh ábhar íogarach tráchtála san áireamh ann. Is leis an duine / nó daoine sin amháin a bhfuil siad seolta chucu a bhaineann siad agus ní ceart iad a léamh ná a scaoileadh chuig aon tríú páirtí gan cead roimh ré ó Údarás na Gaeltachta. Tabhair faoi deara freisin nach nglacann Údarás na Gaeltachta le sínithe leictreonacha d'aon chineál chun conradh a dhéanamh. Caithfidh gach uile shíniú a bheith i bhfoirm fhisiciúil. Deimhníonn an fo-nóta seo chomh maith gur seiceáiladh an teachtaireacht ríomhphoist seo ar fhaitíos víris. Tabhair cuairt ar ár suíomh idirlín ag <http://www.udaras.ie>

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Re: EIA Scoping Request – Proposed Substitute Consent for the previous works, and for Planning Permission for the remainder of the works still to be undertaken for the proposed Ros an Mhil Deep Water Quay Co. Galway

Dear Catriona

Uisce Éireann has received notification of your proposed application for substitute Consent for the previous works, and for Planning Permission for the remainder of the works still to be undertaken at Ros an Mhil Deep Water Quay by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in July 2025.

Please see attached, Uisce Éireann's scoping opinion in relation to your proposals and Uisce Éireann's public infrastructure & assets.

On receipt of the planning referral, Uisce Éireann will review the finalised Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) as part of our planning assessment. Uisce Éireann's will then issue a statutory response to the Planning Authority in line with our obligations as a statutory consultee.

Uisce Éireann's Response to EIAR Scoping Request

Due to the coastal location of the proposed and past works, no adverse impact to Uisce Éireann water sources can be envisaged. Separately, Uisce Éireann operates the Rosaveal reservoir some 400m from the proposed and past works. It is requested that any potential impact to Uisce Éireann's assets be acknowledged and addressed by the EIAR.

In addition to the specific items outlined above please note the following aspects of Water Services which should be considered in the scope of an EIAR where relevant;

- a) Where the development proposal has the potential to impact an Uisce Éireann Drinking Water Source(s), the applicant shall provide details of measures to be

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taken to ensure that there will be no negative impact to Uisce Éireann's Drinking Water Source(s) during the construction and operational phases of the development. Hydrological / hydrogeological pathways between the applicant's site and receiving waters should be identified as part of the report.

- b) Where the development proposes the backfilling of materials, the applicant is required to include a waste sampling strategy to ensure the material is inert.
- c) Mitigations should be proposed for any potential negative impacts on any water source(s) which may be in proximity and included in the environmental management plan and incident response.
- d) Any and all potential impacts on the nearby reservoir as public water supply water source(s) are assessed, including any impact on hydrogeology and any groundwater/ surface water interactions.
- e) Impacts of the development on the capacity of water services (*i.e. do existing water services have the capacity to cater for the new development*). This is confirmed by Uisce Éireann in the form of a Confirmation of Feasibility (COF). If a development requires a connection to either a public water supply or sewage collection system, the developer is advised to submit a Pre-Connection Enquiry (PCE) enquiry to Uisce Éireann to determine the feasibility of connection to the Uisce Éireann network.
- f) The applicant shall identify any upgrading of water services infrastructure that would be required to accommodate the proposed development.
- g) In relation to a development that would discharge trade effluent – any upstream treatment or attenuation of discharges required prior to discharging to an Uisce Éireann collection network.
- h) In relation to the management of surface water; the potential impact of surface water discharges to combined sewer networks and potential measures to minimise and or / stop surface waters from combined sewers.
- i) Any physical impact on Uisce Éireann assets – reservoir, drinking water source, treatment works, pipes, pumping stations, discharges outfalls etc. including any relocation of assets.
- j) When considering a development proposal, the applicant is advised to determine the location of public water services assets, possible connection points from the

applicant's site / lands to the public network and any drinking water abstraction catchments to ensure these are included and fully assessed in any pre-planning proposals. Details, where known, can be obtained by emailing an Ordnance Survey map identifying the proposed location of the applicant's intended development to datarequests@water.ie

- k) Other indicators or methodologies for identifying infrastructure located within the applicant's lands are the presence of registered wayleave agreements, visible manholes, vent stacks, valve chambers, marker posts etc. within the proposed site.
- l) Any potential impacts on the assimilative capacity of receiving waters in relation to Uisce Éireann discharge outfalls including changes in dispersion / circulation characterises. Hydrological / hydrogeological pathways between the applicant's site and receiving waters should be identified within the report.
- m) Any potential impact on the contributing catchment of water sources either in terms of water abstraction for the development (*and resultant potential impact on the capacity of the source*) or the potential of the development to influence / present a risk to the quality of the water abstracted by Uisce Éireann for public supply should be identified within the report.
- n) Where a development proposes to connect to an Uisce Éireann network and that network either abstracts water from or discharges wastewater to a "protected"/ sensitive area, consideration as to whether the integrity of the site / conservation objectives of the site would be compromised should be identified within the report.
- o) Uisce Éireann does not permit building over of its assets. As an applicant you are required to;
 - survey the site to determine the exact location of the assets. Any trial investigations should be carried out with the agreement and in the presence of Uisce Éireann.
 - Provide evidence of separation distances between the existing Uisce Éireann assets and proposed structures, other services, trees, etc. have to be in accordance with the Irish Water Codes of Practice and Standard Details.

- p) Where a diversion of Public Infrastructure may be required subject to layout proposal of the development and separation distances, the applicant is required to submit a Diversions Enquiry to diversions@water.ie
- q) Mitigation measures in relation to any of the above ensuring a zero risk to any Uisce Éireann drinking water sources (Surface and Ground water).

This is not an exhaustive list.

Please note;

- Where connection(s) to the public network is required as part of the development proposal, applicants are advised to complete the Pre-Connection Enquiry process and have received a Confirmation of Feasibility letter from Uisce Éireann ahead of any planning application.
- Uisce Éireann will not accept new surface water discharges to combined sewer networks.
- Where a new connection(s) is sought, the applicant or developer shall enter into water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Uisce Éireann prior to the commencement of this development.
- Where an existing connection is on place, the applicant or developer may be required to enter into a new or revised water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Uisce Éireann prior to the commencement of this development.

Queries relating to this EIAR scoping request should be directed to planning@water.ie

PP. Ali Robinson

Signed on behalf of Geoffrey Burke
Connections and Developer Services

From: [Emma Phelan](#)
To: [Caitriona Fox](#); [Maura Talbot](#);
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Dear Ms. Phelan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 21 May 2025 regarding the above and advise that Transport Infrastructure Ireland has no specific observations to make.

Kind regards
Suzanne Cahill
Regulatory & Administration Executive
Transport Infrastructure Ireland



From: Emma Phelan
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To: Landuse Planning
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Dear Transport Infrastructure Ireland,

Please find attached a letter and project information about the proposed application for Substitute Consent for the previous works, and for Planning Permission for the remainder of the works still to be undertaken for the proposed Ros an Mhil Deep Water Quay by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in July 2025.

This is being sent to you as it may be of interest or concern to you (or your organisation). We would also welcome your feedback or comments on these submissions.

Best Regards,

Emma Phelan on behalf of Caitriona Fox of MWP.

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26.09.2025

A chara,

I, Cathal Groonell of Iasc Mara, Ros a Mhíl, Co na Gaillimhe wish to support the development of the Deep-Water Pier at Ros a Mhíl harbour.

I have owned and managed the fish processing company, Iasc Mara Teo, in Ros a Mhíl since 1992. Fish landings in Ros a Mhíl have fallen dramatically over the period since 1992. We were forced to cease fish processing in 2018 due to inadequate supply of fish. Fifty full time and part time employees lost their jobs. The main reason for the closure was the inadequate landing facilities at Ros a Mhíl harbour. The approach channel and the depth alongside the pier are too shallow.

This infrastructure will provide the opportunity to increase fish landings from bigger trawlers this would provide additional employment in fish processing. The deeper channel, turning circle and berths will also facilitate the development of Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) on the west coast.

Is mise le meas,

Cathal Groonell

Iasc Mara, Ros a Mhíl



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29/09/2025

Re: Support for the Ros a' Mhíl Harbour Deep-Water Development

On behalf of Comharchumann Fuinnimh Oileáin Árann Teo (CFOAT), also known as the Aran Islands Energy Co-Op I wish to convey our strong support for the proposed development of the deep-water quay at Ros a' Mhíl.

As a community-owned energy co-operative working at the forefront of the clean energy transition on the Aran Islands and in the wider Gaeltacht region, we see this project as critical not only for the offshore renewable energy (ORE) sector, but also for sustaining and revitalising the fishing industry which has been the lifeblood of this region for generations.

For the fishing sector, the harbour upgrade will:

- Provide the depth and berthing capacity required to accommodate larger trawlers, reversing the decline in landings that has weakened the port in recent decades.
- Support local fish processing and ancillary businesses, creating direct and indirect employment opportunities in Ros a' Mhíl and on the Aran Islands.
- Safeguard the cultural and economic heritage of fishing communities, ensuring that a traditional way of life continues alongside new industries.

For offshore renewable energy, the project will:

- Position Ros a' Mhíl as a strategic west coast hub for offshore wind and marine energy, providing essential operations and maintenance facilities for projects that will deliver on Ireland's 2030 and 2050 renewable energy targets.
- Enable the establishment of a local supply chain for ORE, creating high-quality jobs in engineering, vessel operations, and port services.
- Strengthen regional resilience, as the harbour can serve both traditional fishing and emerging energy industries, ensuring a diversified and sustainable coastal economy.
- Provide an opportunity for island communities to benefit directly from ORE projects, by linking clean energy developments to local infrastructure, services, and employment.
- Support Ireland's climate goals by facilitating the transition from imported fossil fuels to clean, indigenous renewable resources generated off our own coast.

We also welcome the approach of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and their contractors, who have managed environmental considerations responsibly during the works to date and engaged positively with local stakeholders.

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In summary, the deep-water quay at Ros a' Mhíl is not only a long overdue investment in our fishing sector, but also a vital enabler for Ireland's renewable energy future. It represents a balanced development — honouring our maritime traditions while creating new opportunities in the blue economy.

Tag: Tacaíocht don Fhorbairt Dhomhainisce i gCalafort Ros a' Mhíl

Ar son Chomharchumann Fuinnimh Oileáin Árann Teo (CFOAT), ba mhaith liom ár dtacaíocht a chur in iúl don fhorbairt atá beartaithe ar an gcuán domhainisce i Ros a' Mhíl.

Mar chomharchumann fuinnimh faoi úinéireacht pobail atá ag obair ar an taistriú go fuinneamh ghlan ar ma hOileáin Árann agus sa Ghaeltacht níos leithne, creideann muid gur thionscadal ríthábhachtach é seo, ní hamháin don earnáil fuinnimh in-athnuaite amach ón gcósta (ORE), ach freisin chun an tionscal iascaireachta a chothú agus a athbheochan — tionscal a bhí mar chroí agus mar bhunús dár réigiún seo le glúnta fada.

Don earnáil iascaireachta, cuirfidh uasghrádú an chalafoirt ar fáil:

- Doimhneacht agus acmhainn chun tráláir níos mó a láimhseáil, rud a laghdóigh an meath ar thuirlingtí a d'fhág an calafort lagaithe le blianta anuas.
- Tacaíocht don earnáil próiseála éisc agus gnólachtaí tacaíochta áitiúla, ag cruthú deiseanna fostaíochta díreacha agus indíreacha i Ros a' Mhíl agus ar na hOileáin Árann.
- Cosaint oidhreachtachtaí cultúrtha agus eacnamaíoch na bpobal iascaireachta, ag cinntiú go leanfaidh slí bheatha thraidisiúnta ar aghaidh.

Maidir le fuinneamh in-athnuaite amach ón gcósta, déanfaidh an tionscadal:

- Ros a' Mhíl a shuí mar mhol straitéiseach ar chósta an iarthair do ghaoth amach ón gcósta agus do fhuinneamh muirí, ag soláthar saoráidí riachtanacha oibríochta agus cothabhála do thionscadail a chuirfidh le spriocanna fuinnimh in-athnuaite na hÉireann do 2030 agus 2050.
- Cumas a thabhairt chun slabhra soláthair áitiúil d'fhuinneamh amach ón gcósta a bhunú, ag cruthú poist ar ardchaighdeán san innealtóireacht, in oibriú loinge, agus i seirbhísí calafoirt.
- Cur le neart réigiúnach, de bhrí gur féidir leis an gcalafort freastal ar an iascaireacht thraidisiúnta agus ar thionscail nua fuinnimh, ag cinntiú geilleagar chósta éagsúlaithe agus inbhuanaithe.
- Deis a thabhairt do phobail oileánda tairbhe dhíreach a bhaint as tionscadail fuinnimh amach ón gcósta, trí fhorbairtí fuinnimh ghlan a nascadh le bonneagar, seirbhísí agus fostaíocht áitiúil.
- Tacaíocht a thabhairt do spriocanna aeráide na hÉireann trí aistriú ó bhreoslaí iontaise go hacmhainní in-athnuaite a ghiniúint as ár gcósta féin.

Cuirimid fáilte freisin roimh chur chuige na Roinne Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara agus a gconraitheoirí, a láimhsigh na breithnithe comhshaoil go freagrach go dtí seo agus a thug rannpháirtíocht dhearfach do pháirtithe leasmhara áitiúla.

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Mar achoimre, is infheistíocht rómhall í an cuan domhainuisce i Ros a' Mhíl inár n-earnáil iascaireachta, ach is cumasóir ríthábhachtach freisin í do thodhchaí fuinnimh in-athnuaite na hÉireann. Seasann sí d'fhorbairt chothrom — ag tabhairt ómóis dár thraidisiúin mhara agus ag cruthú deiseanna nua san eacnamaíocht ghorm.

Is mise le meas,

Avril Ní Sherarcaigh,
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15/10/2025

Re: Support for Rossaveal Harbour Deep-Water Development

A Chara,

Lasta Mara Teo operates the cargo contract to the three Aran Islands and are fully supportive of the development of the deep-water quay at Rossaveal.

Lasta Mara Teo provide, the three Aran islands with a roll on roll off service from Rossaveal harbour and it is very important to us, and to the development of the Aran Islands to have a deep-water quay.

The three Aran Islands are the most populated islands off the west coast with very vibrant communities, and its necessary for their success to continue.

Our company also works in the fishing industry as well as providing tug boat facilities, and would be able to assist in the offshore renewable energy projects.

A lot of our employees are from the Islands and Connemara and it would be great if more employment opportunities are made available to this side of Connemara.

LMT would be delighted to see the completion of the harbour and believe it would have many positive results for Rossaveal and the surrounding area.

Le meas,

Rory Beatty

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29 October 2025

Caitríona Fox
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Re: Ros an Mhíl Deep Water Quay Project – Letter of Support

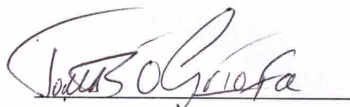
Dear Ms. Fox,

Aran Island Ferries wishes to express its support for the proposed Deep Water Quay development at Ros an Mhíl being advanced by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

We welcome this investment in local infrastructure and recognise the positive impact it will have on the continued development of Ros an Mhíl Harbour and the surrounding community. The project represents an important opportunity to enhance the harbour's facilities and to support future economic growth in the region.

We commend the Department's commitment to completing the remaining works and progressing the project through the Substitute Consent and planning process. Aran Island Ferries fully supports the initiative and looks forward to seeing it brought to completion.

Yours sincerely,



Tomás Ó Gríofa
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For the Attention of Catriona Fox

19th September 2025

Hello Catriona,

Referring to the letter on 21st May 2025 and attached information,

Cannon Rock Marine Ltd, a Local Marine Workboat and transport Company is fully Supportive of the Development Of the new Deep-water Harbour in Ros a Mhíl.

I was really disappointed and put out when work had to cease on the project. It seems to be an Impossibility in the west of Ireland to future proof a way forward, to Sustaining our Fishing Heritage and tap into the local Green Energy resources on our coast which so many other countries envy us on. Wind and Wave offshore Renewables, Fishing and Agriculture as well as Tourism.

All these we support for employment going forward in the Area with Total respect of a Greener future.

Full support is there for the Department of Marine in Retrospective or Retention of the works undertaken between 11th July 2023 and 20th May 2024 and Application for the remaining works to be carried out.

The infrastructure and employment this harbour will create not only for local businesses but for the West of Ireland will be well appreciated.

Thank you for your Consideration and look forward to future development

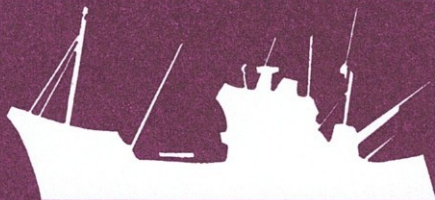
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Letter of Support – Ros a Mhíl Deep Water Quay Project

Dear Ms Fox,

Galway & Aran Fishermen's Co-Op wishes to express its support for the proposed completion of the Deep Water Quay development at Ros a Mhíl being advanced by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The Deep water Quay will offer new opportunities for the development of the Marine sector on the West Coast of Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

Seán Griffin
Bainisteoir