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Please find attached a letter regarding the N6 Galway City Ring Road application (ref: ABP-318220-23 and ABP-318217-23).

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N6 Galway City Ring Road (the "Scheme")  
ABP Reference: ABP-318220-23 and ABP-318217-23

## REQUEST FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Dear Ms Griffin

We refer to the above Scheme and in particular to An Bord Pleanála's (the "Board") letters dated 6 December 2023 and 19 January 2024 where in accordance with section 217B(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Board requires Galway County Council to submit further information to it, being:-

1. to update the Motorway Scheme and the proposed road development;
2. make submissions on the most recent Climate Action Plan and the implications of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029;
3. update the EIAR; and,
4. update (i) the AA Screening Report and (ii) the NIS.

As the Board is aware, on 17 September 2024 Galway County Council wrote to the Board to advise that while significant work has been done in relation to compiling this further information including an update to the EIAR, AA Screening Report and NIS, as these are substantial documents to update, it would not be possible to meet the 20 September 2024 date to provide Galway County Council's response to the request for further information, and in that regard Galway County Council formally requested an extension of time to respond to the request for further information to 17 January 2025.

While the necessary work required to respond to the request for further information is nearing completion, there have been recent developments outside of the control of Galway County Council whereby Galway County

Council now needs some further time to address these developments and so as to respond fully to the Board's request for further information.

These developments involved the publication on 30 October 2024 by the National Transport Authority of a document called "*Galway Light Rail Transit Feasibility Study Report*", which looked at the general feasibility of light rail in the Galway Metropolitan Area. This report has been considered by Galway County Council and certain updates to the draft updates of Chapter 4 (Alternatives Considered) and Chapter 3 (Need for the Project) of the EIAR are required. Also, a revised Ambient Air Quality Directive (Directive (EU) 2024/2881) came into force on 10 December 2024 which needs to be considered in the update to Chapter 16 (Air Quality and Climate) of the EIAR.

While the Board can be assured that Galway County Council are working promptly to finalise its response to the substantial request for further information and to deal with the recent developments, Galway County Council is writing to the Board to advise that it will unfortunately not be possible to meet the 17 January 2025 date and in that regard Galway County Council is now formally requesting a further extension of time to fully respond to the request for further information and taking into account the above recent developments to 16 April 2025.

Galway County Council would be very grateful if the Board would grant this extension.

Yours faithfully

  
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