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Re: Proposed N6 Galway ring road
Your Ref: 07.302848
My Ref: 15-1089

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Dear Sir

I refer to the current application for the N6 ring road project in Galway. As you are aware, I act on behalf of the Galway N6 Action Group Company Limited on this matter.

We note the Board's request for further information, and the applicant's response and the public notice dated 19 Sept 2019 seeking submissions on this response.

We appreciate that the applicant's submission relates to the specific issues raised in the Board's request. It does not have a lot to say about the concerns and objections of our previous submission. We wish therefore to make clear that our previously stated objections remain and that we are asking the Board to refuse permission for this proposal on the grounds previously stated. Failing that, the road should at least be rerouted to mitigate its impact on homes and on residential areas.

There are a few comments we would like to add.

1. The submission gives an inaccurate description of the route selection process undertaken. As set out in our previous submission, this was predetermined to a significant extent.

2. The route selection process was also skewed to prioritise ecology over the other matters required to be considered in the EIA process, most particularly human beings. The 4 bullet points on pp. 17/18 of the main submission give the impression that all factors were dealt with in parallel. This is not true. Ecology was dealt with first and other matters only considered later. This has the effect of subordinating other matters, particularly human beings to a secondary and less important status. It cannot be considered acceptable, that people and their homes and amenities are secondary to limestone pavement and bog cotton.

3. Section drawings of the proposal are submitted. These include sections of the proposed viaducts. We refer in particular to Section C-C on drawing 1.2.01. There is a house beside this section of the proposed road. This should be indicated on the section drawing.

Finally, we emphasise that the brevity of this submission arises only because the FI contains nothing to address our previously stated concerns. This is a flawed proposal that has been the subject of a flawed EIA process. As a result, it will have a devastating impact on homes and residential amenities. It should be refused or, at least, redesigned in order to address these concerns.


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