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Re: Project Galway city N6 Road Project

We, Kerry Quinlan and Juan Sotoparra from No 2 Gort na Bro Millers lane, West distributor road, would like to object on the proposed section of the N6 project road layout in the vicinity of our housing estate Gort Na Bro Millers Lane, west distributor road.

(See fig No1 of the appendix attached)

In principle we welcome the implementation of the N6 road scheme as it would alleviate the traffic issues Galway city faces into the future and will push the development of the city in many aspects, however, there are several aspects of the proposed design on the area in question ( Job No 2339885 Fig 2.13 issue 13) which in our opinion will affect negatively the established residential use of the area in question specially the residents of Gort Na Bro housing estate.

**1. The Proposed elimination of the existing roundabout for a traffic light regulated junction. ( Fig No. 1)**

The roundabout the proposed shows the elimination of the roundabout for a traffic light regulated junction in which the slip road serving to access of the adjacent retail park is eliminated and therefore all traffic including commercial deliveries, public double decker buses, vans and articulated trucks potentially will be channeled through the remaining road which access Gort Na Bro housing estate, the adjoining sport grounds and the local new national school school which houses 400 plus students.

Although the current roundabout size containing five exist is not ideal in 10 year living on the area we are no aware of any accident or disturbances arising from the current layout, in our lay man view simply enhancing the current roundabout radius would improve the road layout without loss of amenity and improve the roundabout use within the context of the proposed N6 scheme (Fig No.2)

**2. The proposed elimination of the retail park access road (Fig No.2 and Fig No.3)**

The road in question serves the existing retail park which is in mayor expansion almost exclusively, it is also the final destination of route 405 of Bus Eire ann service to the area connecting to the road serving other office buildings in the area.

The elimination of this road without and alternative route as proposed, will generate a divert a considerable volume of heavy traffic to the existing Gort na Bro access road.

The current layout protect the residential area from this bulk of traffic as there is a solid green area with mature trees which acts as an effective buffer to the noise and pollution that the commercial and public transport traffic emanates, mitigating its negative effects. (Fig No.2)

The proposed road layout provides a cross junction at the only entrance of Gort Na Bro housing estate which will serve all northbound Retail park traffic from the west distributor road and office buildings, the national school, the sport grounds and the Gort na Bro housing estate.



The proposed junction will be very problematic as in no doubt will create a traffic jam as busy shopping period traffic, school picks ups and peak hours traffic collide elevating the volume of noise, pollution in the immediate vicinity of the residents of Gort na Bro to an unprecedented level.

The proposed road layout and the elimination of the retail park access road will thus render the established green area useless as a buffer for pollution and noise.

The proposed layout will most likely channel all public transport at the Gort Na Bro traffic junction with double decker bus which will overlook the back gardens and rear bedroom windows of all the houses on the western boundary of Gort Na Bro housing estate losing privacy

The proposed layout will threaten the pedestrians and cyclists safety of the residents of Gort na Bro and the pupils of the National school, most of them children under the age of 14 as all commercial traffic gets diverted into the housing estate entrance creating a busy connection node to many cars, vans and truck drivers at many different hours of the day.

### **Conclusion**

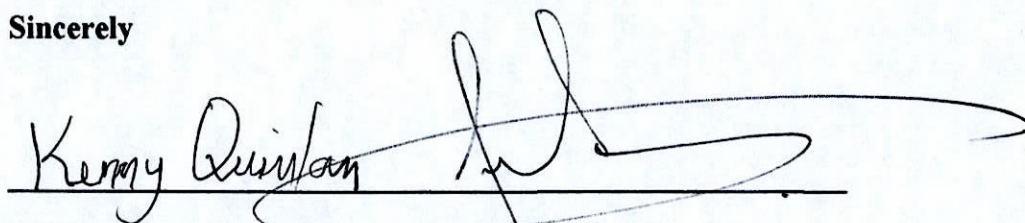
We object on the elimination of the existing retail park access road as the current road layout protects the established residential use, especially the residents of Gort Na Bro housing estate from the air pollutants, noise levels and hazard of the heavy traffic that the retail Park generates at all hours of the day.

We object on the elimination of the existing retail park access road as will render useless the mature green area between the retail access road and the Gort Na Bro access road which currently protects the privacy of the residents of the western side of Gort Na Bro housing estate and as proposed will eliminate the mitigating effect, the green area, has on pollution noise etc.

We object on the proposed junction at the entrance of Gort Na Bro as it will intensify and concentrate in one spot most of the commercial and retail traffic, the school traffic, the sport ground traffic and the residential access traffic at all hours of the week with the unprecedented levels of noise pollution, disturbance and loss of privacy to the residents of Gort Na Bro

We trust that our objections are considered on the final decision by the board and some planning condition should be issued which request the pertinent design modifications to the proposed to address the concerns expressed above

**Sincerely**



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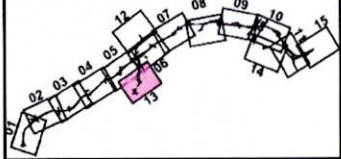
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RETAIL BUILDINGS

SCHOOL

SPORT GROUND

Key Plan



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Legend:

- City Boundary
- - - Proposed Development boundary
- Lough Corrib cSAC (candidate Special Area of Conservation)
- Lough Corrib SPA (Special Protection Area)
- Proposed Road Development
- Proposed Culvert (C)
- Proposed Attenuation Pond / Infiltration Basin
- Proposed Stream Diversion
- Drainage Network Sections
- S00 Catchment Reference Section
- Drainage Outfall

RETAIL BUILDINGS

Green Area

GORT Na BRO  
Housing estate

Proposed Road layout N6 Scheme detail at Gort Na Bro roundabout and housing state

Scale: 1:100

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Observations in relation to proposed road layout in the vicinity of Fort Na Bro housing estate. Millers Lane GALWAY | Schematic drawings

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Existing green buffer between residential use and busy retail park traffic

Busy retail park access road

Gort Na Bro estate only access

Access road to school, Gort na bro housing state and sport grounds



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Google map 2019 of existing road layout with proposed layout overlaid

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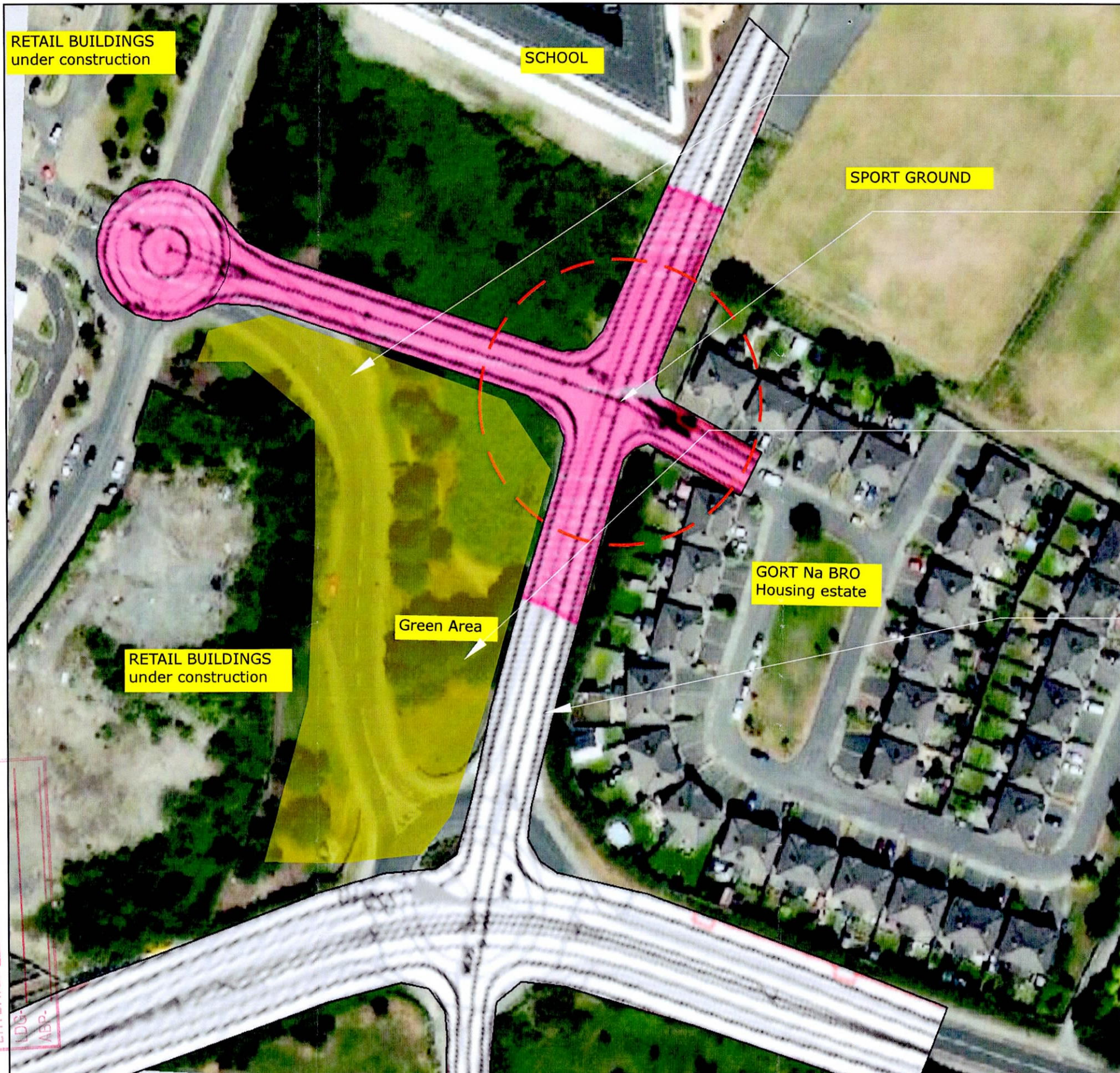


Enlarged green buffer will no longer protect Gort Na Bro housing estate from the traffic pollution, noise that the retail park and public transport generates

Potentially problematic junction where access and egress from Gort Na Bro housing estate, the retail parks, the sport grounds and the school traffic collide

The enlarged green area that will result should the proposed be implemented will be adjacent to the retail park and will no longer act as a buffer between the heavy vehicular traffic that the retail park generates and the residents of Gort Na Bro housing estate

As the existing retail park dedicated access road gets eliminated as proposed a large portion of traffic to said retail parks will be channeled through the local access road to the housing estate the school and the sport grounds resulting in the intensification onto one road of a large volume of vehicular commercial and public transport traffic with the consequent noise, loss of privacy and pollution to the residents of the housing estate



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