Submission on Application to An Bord Pleanala under 5.37 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

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Application Ref:

07.302848

Submission From:

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To:

An Bord Pleanala, (Strategic Infrastructure Division)

N BORD PLEANÁL

64 Marlborough Street

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Re:

N6 Galway City Ring Road Motorway Scheme 2018

Applicant:

Galway City and County Councils

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing for both myself and my wife Elizabeth with regard to the proposed Galway City Ring Road which is to be submitted for planning permission to An Bord Pleanala. Both my wife and I are residents of Aughnacurra and we wish to lodge our strong objection to this road development.

We live in a private development in Aughnacurra which compromises of a number of single dwellings which are going to be greatly affected by this new motorway. It will change the character of this development significantly due to the number of houses that are to be compulsory purchased to allow this roadway to proceed. The roadway will also destroy the character of the whole Dangan area. The University's grounds and the surrounding Dangan area are used as a great amenity area for recreational activities such as walking, boating and the use of the playing fields for many sporting activities. The traffic increasing significantly will have an impact on the health and safety of people in the adjacent homes businesses and schools with the increased noise pollution, fumes and toxicity from the traffic using the motorway. As a result, the environment in this quiet urban area will be negatively impacted upon.

In the past, an outer route could have been selected but was turned down due to issues re: fauna and flora. It would look like this was a more important issue than the disturbances that are now going occur to the human habitat along the chosen route for this motorway in a settled urbanised area. More investigation should have been put into a light rail/efficient bus service to try and help with the traffic flow around the city and as a result avoid this large motorway development. Furthermore, due to the proximity of my house in Aughnacurra to this motorway, its value will be greatly destroyed.

We therefore think there are better alternatives to this scheme which preserves our homes as a better living environment in the area of Galway where we live and as a result we object strongly to this planned motorway development

Yours sincerely,

Donal & Elizabeth Courtney

