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Objection to Galway N6 Ring Road 2018 Planning Application by Galway County Council.

Karen McGuire and John Newell, both of the above address hereby lodge an objection to the planning application of the proposed Galway N6 Ring Road 2018. This proposed development has its boundary at the rear of our garden, 100m from our property. We have been informed that a CPO for the land at this boundary has been issued to the land owner (subject to planning permission) in order to protect the rare bat population that is in the area. Whilst we welcome the protection of the bats and other flora and fauna, we are anxious that this land may be used for other reasons associated with the road which may cause light, noise, dust and microparticulant pollution and affect our health and well being.

The likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development:

The proposed project development will lead to an increase in pollutants being emitted into the environment. The dust that will be created in the development of this road will impact on our air quality for many years. The increase in microparticulants and nitrous oxide that will be emitted into our environment will also be hazardous to our health and well being. Research has shown an increase in lung disease and cardiovascular disease in people living less than 500m from roads with high volumes of traffic. We will be less than 500m from the bridge.

Throughout the process of trying to address the traffic issues in Galway City no improvements in public transport have been made nor any other possible non road solutions implemented. Experts are warning the world that if we do not address issues such as pollution and destruction of our natural world, we are in trouble. This proposed ring road is going through villages, through communities and is too close to people's homes and scenic amenities. The impact on our natural world is devastating and we would request that this is taken into account when making your decision. It is time to start thinking of other, greener solutions to traffic management and travel than what is currently being proposed. Experts are saying we have 12 years to try and get it right. Let's start now.

The Marsh Fritillary Butterfly has been found in the Bog Road area of Menlo this year after a lengthy absence. This species is known for changing its breeding location and we wonder if it is laying eggs in the Devils Bit Scabious plant which may be in the grasslands around Menlo Castle. If so, then this EU protected species' habitat must be protected from this proposed ring road development.

Yours Sincerely

Karen McGuire and John Newell. Glaislinn, An Poll, Menlo, Galway.

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