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Menlo Residents Association wishes to submit an Objection to the Galway City N6 Ring Road Planning Application 2018 under the following headings:

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

The proposed road development has lead to the potential CPO of much traditional farm land in the Menlo area which is of major concern to the local residents and families who currently use this land. From previous experience of similar limestone karst areas such as the Burren in County Clare, land must be farmed in order to maintain the rich biodiversity of the area. This is important for the Menlo lands along the route of the proposed N6 Ring Road.

The new road will introduce as yet unquantifiable amounts of pollution into what is almost an unspoilt, natural environment. 80% of cars in Ireland use diesel, which emits microparticulate and nitrous oxides. With the proposed future development of Galway City, these contaminants will increase into the future, endangering both the environment and health of local residents.

The implications of the proposed road development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed road development:

The sustainable development of the Menlo/River Corrib as an amenity is under threat by this proposed development. The Menlo Pier area is currently used by bird watchers, kayakers, ramblers, scout groups and fishermen. Any potential development of this area would be adversely affected by the proposed road development.

The likely significant effects of the proposed road development on a European site:

The N6 Ring Road proposes to cross the River Corrib diagonally in front of the iconic Menlo Castle. The proposed bridge will utterly diminish the view of the castle, thus damaging the natural beauty of the landscape as well as negatively impacting a key element of Galway culture and tourism. This historic building is integral to the image of Galway City, bringing visitors from far and wide to the area every year. As a designated SAC (Special Area of Conservation), Menlo is a unique environment within the boundaries of Galway City, providing access to nature and all that has to offer, to an urban population.

As Richard Attenborough said at the recent UN Climate Change Conference in Poland: "We need to protect our natural world. Without the natural world, mankind is

doomed. We are dependent on the natural world for the very air that we breathe and every particle of food we eat".

It is most regrettable that a major road, bringing all the inevitable environmental pollution that that entails, is being proposed for a Special Area of Conservation.

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