

12th December 2018

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

AN BORD PLEANÁLA

19 DEC 2018

LTR DATED _____ FROM _____

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ABP- _____

Planning Application 302848 by Galway County Council, N6 Galway City Ring Road.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, on behalf of the Salthill Village Community (representing 64 businesses in the Salthill Village area) fully support the above application by Galway County Council for permission to construct the N6 Galway City Ring Road.

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We believe that as Galway City and its environs continues to grow as planned the N6 Galway City Ring Road is crucial to safeguarding the future development of the city as the principal economic centre in the west of Ireland and to ensure that its development is sustainable.

This also applies to the continued development of Salthill as a tourist destination and mid way point on the Wild Atlantic Way.

The construction of this Ring Road will ease the city's traffic congestion issues by reducing the number of cars on inner city roads thus allowing easier access to Salthill. The reduction in traffic would also encourage the introduction of walking and cycling initiatives as safe transport modes.

From a business point of view, the reduction of traffic volumes in Salthill and city centre as a result of the construction of the N6 Galway City Ring Road would allow for a more frequent and dependable bus service to and from all areas of the city.

A perfect example of this would be easier access to Pearse Stadium on a Connacht Football final day and other events in the greater Salthill area.

The present traffic congestion introduces huge uncertainty into the minds of potential visitors to Salthill as visits are only made when absolutely necessary. This also applies to east west / west east traffic for the local population as the congestion is frequently so severe as to avoid such travel. This can be evidenced by the number of traffic studies carried out indicating that at peak times, traffic numbers using all the city bridges

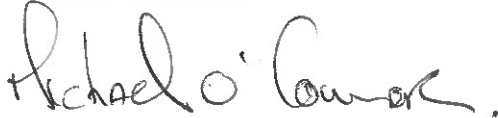
remain static.

With the population of Galway City to increase by 40,000 in the next 20 years, this makes the construction of the N6 Galway City Ring Road essential piece of infrastructure.

It is very important that the appropriate signage is in place on the Ring Road leading up to the N59/Letteragh interchange to direct visitors to Salthill.

The appropriate fee of €50 is attached.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael O'Connor

220 Upper Salthill

Salthill

Galway

On behalf of The Salthill Village Community