

An Bord Pleanala Strategic Infrastructure Division 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 D01 V902

19th December 2018

Re: Proposed N6 Galway City Ring Road 2018

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Transport Authority ("the NTA") welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Proposed N6 Galway City Ring Road 2018.

To develop a coordinated and planned approach to the development of transport in Galway City, the NTA worked together with Galway City and County Councils to produce the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS) 2016-2035. This strategy sets out the long-term strategic transport framework for the integrated development of transport infrastructure and services in the Galway City Area, to meet travel demand. The GTS was written into the new Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023 to give the proposals set out in the strategy a statutory basis, as well as giving certainty to land use development on the future provision of transport options.

The N6 Galway City Ring Road was identified as an integral part of the Galway Transport Strategy providing a key corridor for an orbital movement including the provision of an additional river crossing. The N6 Galway City Ring Road combined with the other elements of the Transport Strategy are necessary to ensure: the resilience of operation for the road network in Galway City; facilitating continued growth; and enhancing Galway's function as a regional city in the West of Ireland.

Accordingly, the NTA supports the proposed road scheme as an important element in the full implementation of the GTS.

Yours sincerely,

Director of Transport Planning and Investment