

## N6 Galway City Ring Road

### **Parkmore Traffic Action Group (PTAG)**

### **SUBMISSION to**

### **An Bord Pleanála**

**Traffic congestion is affecting thousands of employees daily in Parkmore.**

Parkmore Business Park in Galway City is home to many companies from multiple industries including medical devices, IT and research and development companies. **Over 8,700 employees commute daily to and from work within the area.** The ongoing traffic congestion is having a direct effect on business expansion, business productivity, employment growth and, most importantly, on employee morale and quality of life.

Thousands of hours are lost daily due to bottleneck traffic conditions in and around the park. 'Parkmore Business Leaders' have joined forces to form a working group with the IDA and Galway City Council to affect change and to suggest solutions to alleviate the situation. The Parkmore Business Leaders group consists of CEOs, Managing Directors and Executives from key companies in Parkmore.

Excessive traffic delays have a knock-on effect for employers, employees and by extension, their families and friends. In the past, businesses have introduced various internal solutions including flexitime, managing/staggering shift patterns across all companies and car-pooling. A number of short-term interventions have been implemented including lane changes and optimisation of the traffic lights at Briarhill junction, increased frequency of bus schedules and a new exit lane from Parkmore West which have improved matters and reduced the absolute crisis point as experienced in 2017.

This situation directly affects employment and business revenue for Galway City Council and the Irish business community as a whole. Larger businesses are challenged to continue with expansion plans as a direct result of the limitations caused by the ongoing traffic situation. It is vital for us that all employees get to and from work with as few unnecessary delays as possible.

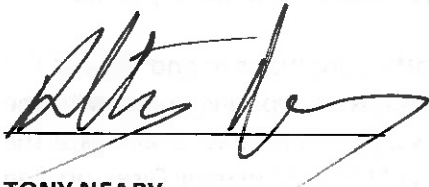
The long-awaited Galway City Ring Road will be a major contribution to solving the traffic issues centred around the Parkmore Business Park areas. The Eastern section of the bypass will be directly accessible to Parkmore and Ballybrit Business Parks enabling traffic to connect easily with the motorway and all major routes to the East, North and South.

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Parkmore Traffic Action Group supports delivery of the N6 Galway City Ring Road. We are confident that the scheme will:

- Enable implementation of sustainable mobility solutions in Parkmore
- Sustain and facilitate the economic growth of businesses in Parkmore
- Improve business productivity and competitiveness
- Benefit all employees (8,700) and greatly improve employee satisfaction, through decreasing travel costs and time and by providing better public transport alternatives
- Enable regional development of County Galway and provide some balance to the development that occurs on the east coast of Ireland.

Yours sincerely



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