

**AN BORD PLEANÁLA**  
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Racecourse Avenue,  
 Ballybrit,  
 Galway  
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An Bord Pleanála

To whom it may concern,

We, Paul and Mary Mahoney and family strongly object to the Galway City Outer Ring Road.

We have many reasons to support our objections.

Firstly, we feel it is too close to the city, we know there is a need to alleviate traffic congestion.

This is not a ring road, this proposed motorway goes through Brierhill, Ballybrit, Tuam Rd, Castlegar village, Ballinfoyle and Menlo, actually splitting Castlegar parish in two. This motorway, we feel, should be further east of the city similar to the original plan of Galway City Outer By-Pass.

With this Ring road, we will be living approximately 140 metres from the edge of the Motorway. From this point, they start to construct a tunnel, the environmental impact that this will have on our family while it is under construction will be utterly devastating. This will be due to the massive amounts of drilling, blasting, and rock breaking that is required.

This will leave our home destroyed with dust and debris, we will be unable to open our windows and our air vents will get blocked. This will have a serious impact on our health as our children suffer from asthma. Another worrying part of this is the structural damage that will be done to our home regarding serious cracks etc. We think it is totally unreasonable for Galway County Council to expect us to live here while it is under construction. It will not be healthy mentally or otherwise, especially for our children who will be studying for exams during the years of construction. We feel that every structure within 250 metres of the Motorway should require special considerations and not 150 metres as it states on Pg 1430 of the EIAR. Therefore, we demand a structural guarantee from Galway Co Council to repair any damage to our home.

When the Motorway is completed, we will be subjected to serious noise and air pollution 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and without any considerations for the carbon emissions released into the environment. 54 homes will be affected, 44 of these demolished and 10 more homes will have to be taken due to the closeness of the Motorway. Meanwhile, it will leave the rest of us beside the Motorway in pure misery. Our home will be completely devalued. There is a serious human impact to this.

Galway County Council and Arup have gone outside the original 150 metre corridor in their design at the rear of The Galway Racecourse, just past Brooks Hardware and on towards the mobile phone mast before heading to the Tuam Road. This was never supposed to happen.

Galway County Council have proposed to acquire Racecourse Avenue. We are strongly opposed to this, as it is to facilitate two slip roads coming off the Motorway, one heading west beside the Lisheen Cemetery and one heading east behind The Racecourse Business Park both leading onto Racecourse Avenue. This in turn leads to a T junction onto the Parkmore Road, the most congested road in Galway. We are opposed to The Racecourse Avenue being used for construction traffic or deliveries in the interest of our health and public safety, and it will destroy our area. In addition the road surface of the Avenue will not be able to withstand that volume of constant Haulage of heavy vehicles.

These are our main concerns as a family and the human impact it will have in general. We will be severely impacted and we strongly object to The Galway City Outer Ring Road. We ask that An Bord Pleanála take our concerns into serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Paul & Mary Mahoney

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