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Ref : Galway Ring Road **planning application PL07.302848.**

Dear Sir or Madame

I want to raise some objections to the proposed planning of the N6 Galway ring road **planning application PL07.302848.**

We live in 86 Rosan Glas , Rahoon Road, Galway and the follow issues will severely impact our estate of over 225 houses :

1. Blocking off our current exit form Bothair Diarmudia to Rahoon Road.
2. Noise levels due to proximity of road to houses .
3. Attenuation ponds over ground pose a safety risk (lots of Kids) live close by.
4. Unsightly visual impact of attenuation pond. Can these now be put under ground.?
5. Air quality issues due to volumes of traffic on link road including heavy goods trucks .

1. Blocking off our current exit form Bothair Diarmudia to Rahoon Road.

An Bord Pleanála is requested to take full cognisance of the impacts that the implementation of the

Ring Road will directly have on residents of Rosán Glas. In particular, the line of the new Link Road

which cuts into the southern end of Bothar Diarmuida is not supported. Residents of Rosán Glas

utilise Bothar Diarmuida/Rahoon Road/Gort na mBro to gain access to their homes.

Residents of

Rosán Glas currently have 2no points of access onto Bothar Diarmuida. . In addition, it is worth noting that

Cnoic an Oir, Sliabh Rioga and Culgharraí have the option to egress onto Bothar Diarmuida via Bun

a'Chnoic also. Bothar Diarmuida therefore currently handles a significant amount of residential

traffic and in theory could also handle more, given the zoning of land for residential to the

north.

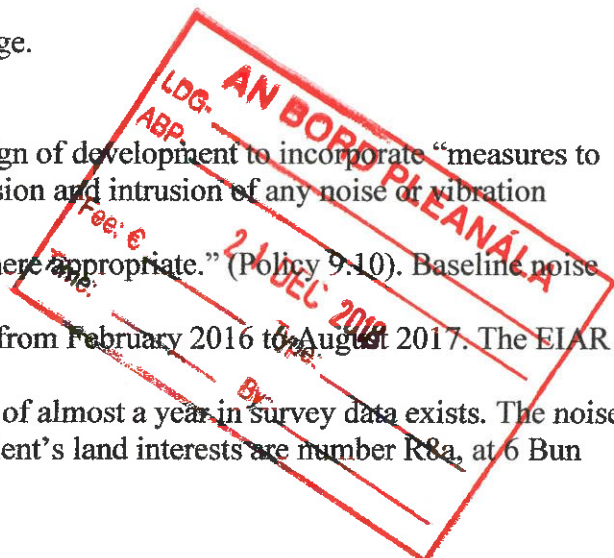
The proposal effectively makes Bothar Diarmuida an internal local access road and means residents in the southern part of the estate will now have to travel north to the new junction to get onto the main road network; effectively doubling their journey time. Consequently, signalised junctions in the area of the Rosán Glas development will not “facilitate the efficient movement of all road users”.

There are no traffic lights or similar which currently control the movement of traffic from these residential areas onto Bothar Diarmuida, or from there onto the Ragoon Road. Under the proposals signals will be introduced where Bothar Diarmuida meets the Ragoon Road. There is concern that traffic seeking to access the new Link Road from other residential areas of Cnoic an Oir, Sliabh Rioga and Culgharraí will result in severe congestion in the estate roads of Rosán Glas. There is also concern of access on to the Link Road at the proposed Bothar Diarmuida junction; the junction on an internal road meeting a main link road is likely to suffer delays. Residents are therefore seeking a form of control to ensure this does not happen, and further investigation as to potential ‘rat-running’ east-west through the existing residential areas.

Several residential units currently have direct access to Bothar Diarmuida, which currently functions as a main route to the wider road network. The introduction of the new road will prohibit this direct access. Pedestrian/cycle movements also appear to be hindered, with no option shown for connectivity across the ‘local’ Bothar Diarmuida to the new Link Road. Again, in a similar vein to the omission of a bus lane here this is considered an error and should be corrected prior to any planning permission being granted. It is without doubt that residents and future residents in this area will seek to connect to the new road on foot and provision should be made for this to be done safely, as part of the overall design at this stage.

Noise Level;

The City Development Plan calls for the design of development to incorporate “measures to minimise noise levels... and reduce the emission and intrusion of any noise or vibration which might adversely impact on residential amenities, where appropriate.” (Policy 9.10). Baseline noise survey data was gathered as part of the EIA process from February 2016 to August 2017. The EIAR is dated September 2018 and it is not clear why a gap of almost a year in survey data exists. The noise monitoring locations in the vicinity of our Client’s land interests are number R8a, at 6 Bun



a'Chnoic

and R8b at 161 Rosán Glas. It is noted that the monitoring did not take place at the units closest to

the new Bothar Diarmuida/Link Road junction nor at the creches and Montessori at Rosán Glas. As

the EIAR identifies children as 'vulnerable groups' the finding of the EIAR (Chapter 18) that "no

negative human health impacts are predicted as a result of noise emissions", is considered premature in the absence of noise monitoring at the Montessori school being carried out.

Chapter 17 of the EIAR, Noise and Vibration states "At survey location 8a an Lden value of 45dB(A)

was derived. Noise levels at this location were influenced mainly by intermittent passing vehicles

entering the estate along Bóthar Diarmuida and bird song." This location borders open countryside

and is where the current road terminates. It is suggested that there are other more representative

locations which could have been used in the monitoring process. Also, "At location 8b passing traffic

was noted to be significantly more frequent and the monitoring location closer to the road side."

This alludes to a known short-coming in the monitoring location R8a.

Attenuation Ponds :

Can these ponds not be put underground.? If they are not they pose a risk to safety of young kids who are always drawn to the danger of water . Also these are unsightly and always are area that attract illegal dumping and litter not to mention smells of stagnant water . Without question these need to be placed away of underground.

Air Quality :

If this road is placed so close to the houses as planned the air quality will be severely impacted due to the large number of traffic that will use the road. This road will be one of the busiest link roads due to the Galway retail park and this will lead to extremely poor air quality. Trucks and cars will constantly traverse this road with delivers etc etc

Summary :

Initially this link road was proposed at Bothair Stiofian away from housing estates then objections due to the close proximity to a small amount houses and extra traffic on road caused road to be moved closer to Rosan Glas estate ??? There are far more houses in Rosan Glas (225) than Bothair Stiofian and the very reason it was moved are the very reason we want it move somewhere in between Rosan Glas and Bothair Stiofian in the green field where no houses are. This would be a happy medium to all party's concerned. I personally am not against the link road and welcome it. What I do not welcome however is that we in Rosan Glas become severely handicapped by the current plan in blocking off our exit to ragoon road and the fact the road backs along our estate houses and will be unbearable with noise, air quality etc etc as outlined above with what will undoubtedly be the busiest link road due to Galway Retail park . The proposed road is too close to an estate that will bear the brunt of many issues ongoing .

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The sensible solution here is move link road to the half way point in the green field and keep all happy and then put adequate provisions in place to keep air quality good (trees and a bank) , put ponds underground.

I would like an return email to knowledge this objection dated 19/12/18.

I enclose a cheque for €50 to appeal as requested by Board Pleanála.

Regards

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19/12/2018.

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