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Re: Submission against N6 Galway Ring Road Project, PL07.302848

Dear Sir/Madam,

The management agents of Rosán Glas, Galway Property Management have made a submission in relation to the impact of the proposed scheme on residents in Rosán Glas. I as an owner occupier in Rosán Glas also wish to take this opportunity in the process to state that I object to the positioning of the route of the N59 Link Road South which cuts into the southern end of Bóthar Diarmuida as it will impede entry to and exit from my home and estate, increase traffic congestion for residents and will adversely affect my daily life. My objections are set out below.

Access/traffic

- I object to the positioning of the N59 Link Road which cuts into the southern end of Bóthar Diarmuida as it will cut off my current direct access to Rahoon Road, thereby impeding entry and exit to and from my estate as I will no longer have direct access to Bóthar Diarmuida and will have to travel to the new Bóthar Diarmuida junction. It will increase my journey time and add to traffic congestion within the estate where an internal road in an estate meets Bóthar Diarmuida/N59 Link Road South. I will have no direct access to the Rahoon Road or Bóthar Diarmuida, suffer traffic congestion within the estate before reaching the junction, then I will be delayed at the junction before getting access to the Bóthar Diarmuida/N59 Link Road, and thereafter I will still have to pass through a busy junction between Bóthar Diarmuida and Rahoon Road before finally getting onto Rahoon Road – this does not facilitate the efficient movement of road users in Rosán Glas and significantly adversely impacts residents.
- I object to any proposed junction (signalised or otherwise) between Bóthar Diarmuida and the proposed N59 Link Road South as it will significantly hamper access to and from our estate and home as outlined in the above paragraph. There will be significant negative traffic impact on me and the residents of Rosán Glas.

- The N59 Link road South was moved away from Bóthar Stiofáin and closer to Bóthar Diarmuida to minimise the impact on Bóthar Stiofáin residents however in my opinion the issues resulting in moving N59 Link road South away from Bóthar Stiofáin to now align with Bóthar Diarmuida have just transferred the issues to the residents of Rosán Glas.

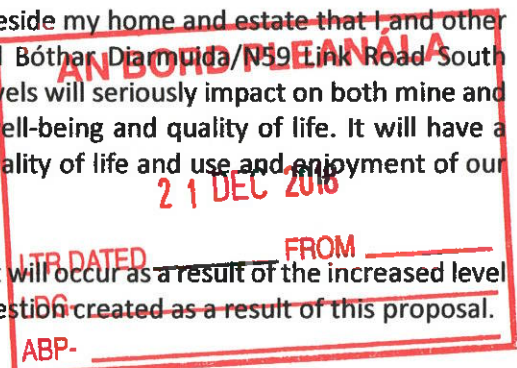
The residents of Rosán Glas have lost direct access to Ragoon Road and Bóthar Diarmuida. There will be traffic congestion in the estate for existing residents when both exiting and entering the estate at Bóthar Diarmuida/N59 Link Road South junction when merging with traffic on the new Bóthar Diarmuida/N59 Link Road South.

Rosán Glas residents will have additional light pollution, air pollution and doubling of noise from traffic on the new Bóthar Diarmuida/N59 Link Road running right next to Rosán Glas, including heavy goods vehicles accessing the ever-growing Galway West Retail Park and will also have additional traffic congestion on the new Bóthar Diarmuida junction with Ragoon Road.

While the impacts on homes on Bóthar Stiofáin have been minimised by moving N59 Link road South closer to Bóthar Diarmuida I object to this been at the expense of the residents of Rosán Glas. I would have expected that an alternative route away from Bóthar Stiofáin would have sought to minimise impacts on both the residents of Bóthar Stiofáin and Rosán Glas rather than simply moving the negative impacts elsewhere to other residents and indeed in my opinion creating even greater negative impacts on the residents of Rosán Glas. I would expect the same reasoning to apply to the residents of Rosán Glas now so that the N59 Link road South was moved further away from Bóthar Diarmuida and an alternative route proposed to minimise the impacts on our homes and residents of Rosán Glas.

Residential amenity – Noise, Lighting, Air Quality, Visual Impact

- I am concerned about the increased level of light pollution coming from the lighting columns on the proposed link road and from the additional traffic which will negatively impact on residents and on my home being so close to the proposed Bóthar Diarmuida / N59 Link Road South.
- I object to the proposed doubling of noise levels beside my home and estate that I and other residents will be subjected to with the proposed Bóthar Diarmuida/N59 Link Road South running beside my home. This doubling of noise levels will seriously impact on both mine and other resident's physical health, mental health, well-being and quality of life. It will have a serious negative and permanent impact on our quality of life and use and enjoyment of our property.
- I am concerned about the impact on air quality that will occur as a result of the increased level of traffic running beside my home and traffic congestion created as a result of this proposal.



- Bóthar Diarmuida/ N59 Link road South is very close to existing properties where it aligns with the existing Bóthar Diarmuida and before it aligns Bóthar Diarmuida/ N59 Link road South runs close to the line of the existing road up until the new Bóthar Diarmuida/ N59 Link road South junction.

I object to the closeness of the road to existing properties and to the existing road, to the removal of landscaping on the Bóthar Diarmuida and the visual impact of having a busy Bóthar Diarmuida/ N59 Link road South running so close to the existing road within the estate.

- I am concerned that Bóthar Diarmuida/ N59 Link road South is position so closely to Rosán Glas in order to protect future proposed residential land at the expense of permanent and significant negative impacts on the current residents of Rosán Glas.

Attenuation/drainage

- I object to the placement of the attenuation ponds on the Bóthar Diarmuida /Rahoon Road junction beside my estate. I have concerns over open water posing a health and safety risk and the potential for flooding. In addition, I have concerns on the potential impact in obtaining home insurance in the future and the premium for such insurance in having an open body of water so close to my home and potential flooding which could result in not being able to obtain home insurance in the future.
- I have concerns over the landscaping and maintenance of these attenuation ponds – the design of these ponds on other road way networks can only be described as an eyesore and I object to having a poorly designed and maintained eyesore located at an important junction so close to my home which will have a lasting and negative visual impact.
- I also have concerns that these basins may act as a rubbish collection/dumping point in future.

I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála take on board my objections and concerns, those of other residents and the concerns expressed in the Galway Property Management submission and recommend that the proposed route of the N59 Link Road South be altered away from Bóthar Diarmuida.

Yours sincerely,


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