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Submission on Application to An Bord Pleanála under  
S. 37 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

*Application Ref:* 07.302848

*Submission from:* Stephen and Debbie Meagher, of 5  
Aughnacurra, Lower Dangan,  
Galway.

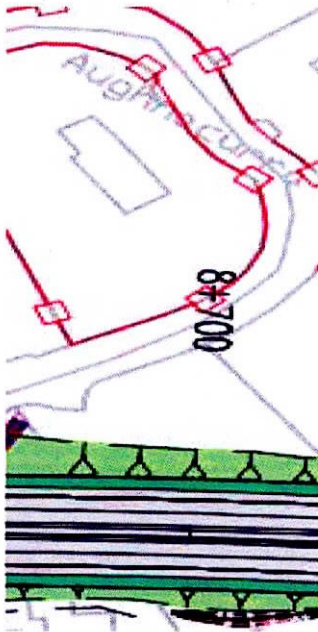
*Applicant:* Galway City and County Councils

*Development:* N6 Galway City Ring Road (N6  
GCRR)

*Location:* Aughnacurra, Lower Dangan,  
Galway.

## INTRODUCTION

We are residents of Aughnacurra, Lower Dangan, Galway. Our home while not within the Development boundary is profoundly impacted by the motorway. We currently live in a very quiet settled residential area of 14 homes, and our lives are about to be turned upside down, both during the multi-year construction period and post the completion of the Development, as our home will be less than 30 metres from the elevated motorway. We will be living within a stones throw of a motorway and flyover that is more suited to downtown Los Angeles than the city of Galway. The motorway will sever the estate I live in, and will destroy the quality of life for our family. While we accept a river crossing is needed, we are bewildered that the result is our lives are destroyed by a motorway that cuts through such a heavily populated part of the city and destroys so many lives. As citizens we have a profound sense of dislocation and disillusionment with the State and the process. To try to illustrate the impact upon our family we attach before and after photomontages of the view of the motorway from our back garden. (Ref Map 1a and 1b)



We are asking the Bord to refuse permission for this motorway, but in the event this does not occur, to grant us the mitigation below.

### 1. Noise Mitigation

The most profound impact on our family will be the noise from the motorway. Currently the noise from the N59 is non-intrusive even during the day, while the noise from the motorway will be very intrusive, continuous and will be very difficult to bear.

We are requesting additional noise mitigation to bring the projected noise levels down to the newer noise levels as recommended by the World Health

Organisation guidance titled " Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region (2018)". This guidance strongly recommends reducing noise levels produced by road traffic to below the 53dB, Lden as traffic noise is associated with adverse health effects. For night noise exposure the guidance strongly recommends reducing noise levels produced by road traffic during night time to below 45dB Lnight, as night time road traffic noise above this level is associated with adverse effects on sleep. Currently the projected noise levels 15 years post construction are 58dB, Lden and 49dB, Lnight. We cannot overstate the impact the increased road traffic noise will have on the mental health and wellbeing of our family.

**2. Maintenance of existing boundary wall from 9 Aughnacurra to the base of the proposed near vertical wall 50 m from the new entrance of Aughnacurra. Reference location chain 8+725 to 8+625.**

We want as far as is practicable to maintain the character and "look and feel" of Aughnacurra pre and post the motorway. The circa 1-metre high boundary wall we currently have is a feature of our estate, and we would request this to be kept in situ post the motorway. We would request it to be circa 1.5 metres from the circular route road surface. In simple terms a like for like replacement to what we have today.

(Ref: Map 2a and 2b attached)

**3. Visual Mitigation:**

The motorway will be very visible from our back garden. It will be a terrible sight, and a constant reminder that we are living at the edge of an elevated motorway. We are told the planting in this area will take 15 years to mature, and to shorten the time from commencement of planting to when the motorway is screened, we are requesting the construction of a gentle upward slope from the current boundary wall to the base of the motorway. The specific location we are referring to is the base of the boundary wall at what is currently 9 & 10 Aughnacurra.

(Ref Map 3 (b) attached).

#### 4. Planting Plan:

From an examination of the EIAR there is currently no planting plan for what are currently the gardens of number 9 & 10 Aughnacurra. We are requesting planting similar to the planting in the vacant common area (not subject to a CPO: Location chain 8+600) directly behind No 5 Aughnacurra. (Ref Map 4 attached)

Signed:

  
Stephen and Debbie Meagher

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# MAP 2(a)

## MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING BOUNDARY WALLS

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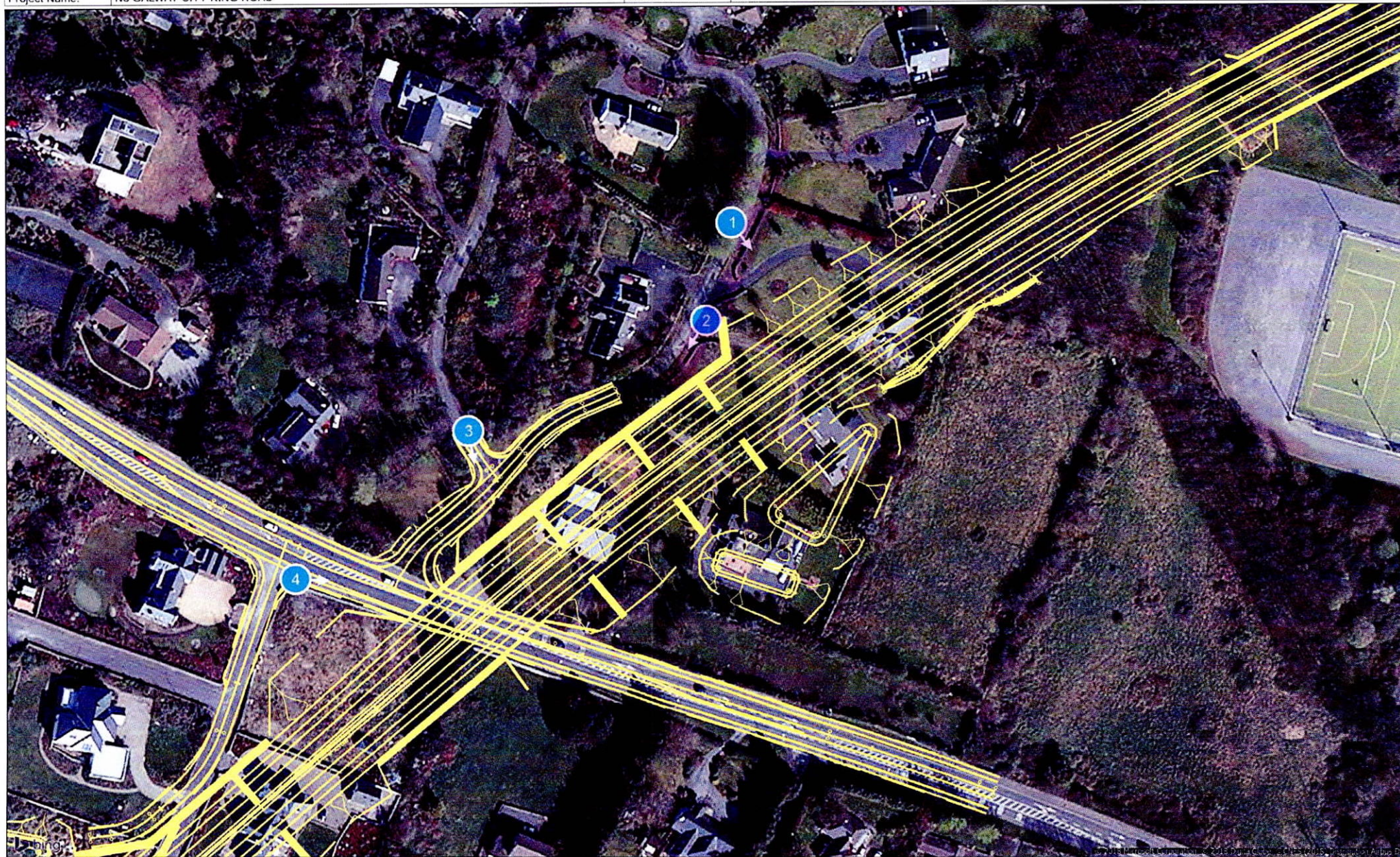


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MAP 2 (b)

EXISTING Boundary Line

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VIRTUAL MITIGATION

GENTLE SLOPE TO HARROW VIRTUAL MITIGATION OF DEVELOPMENT

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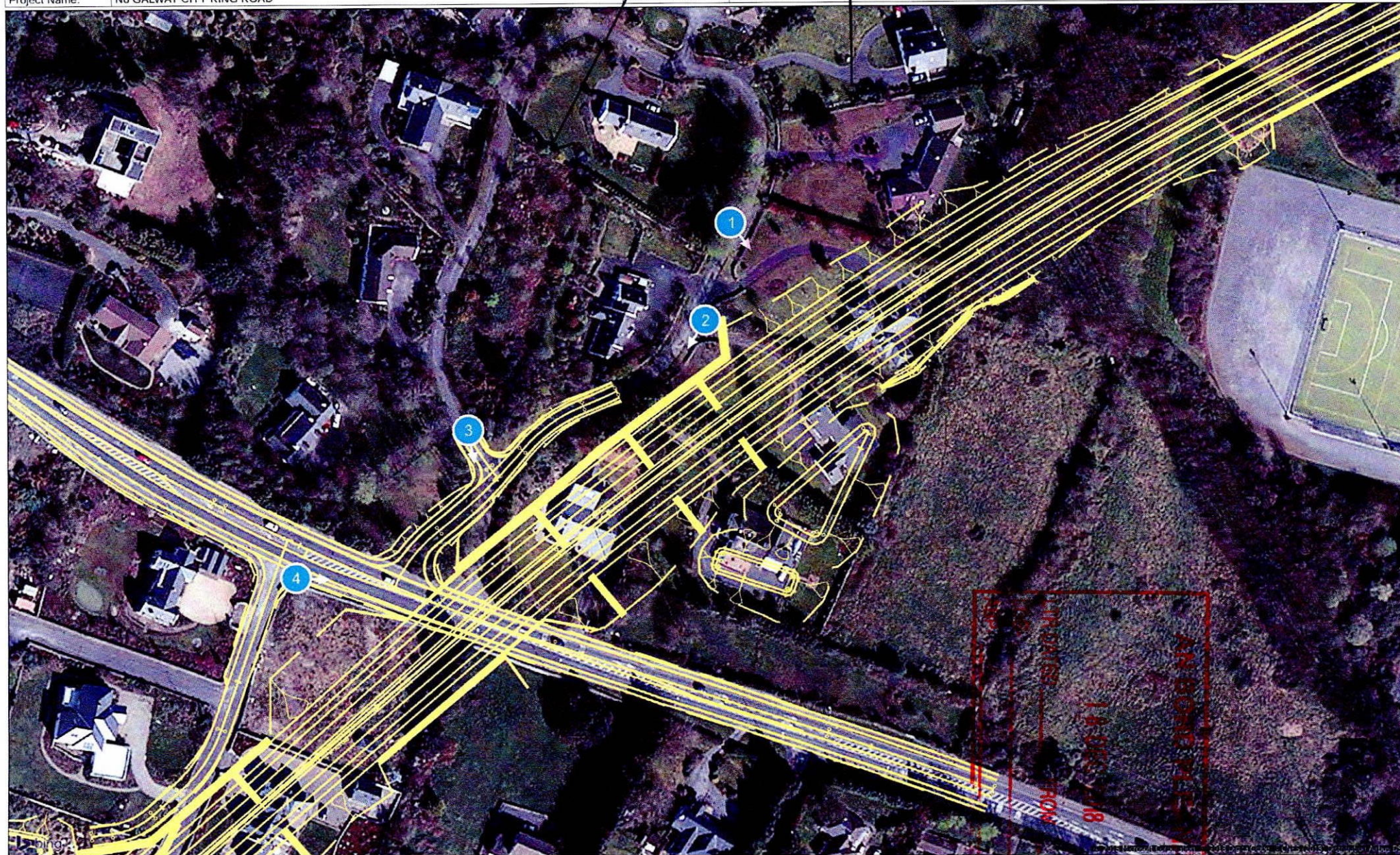


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