

# Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

## SITE NOTICE OF FURTHER INFORMATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT UNDER REFERENCE NUMBER 61.PA0033

**Galway City Council**  
**Applicant: Galway Harbour Company**

In accordance with sub-section 2(b) of 37F of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, Galway Harbour Company gives notice of the furnishing of further information to An Bord Pleanála at its request (the "Further Information"), to update the application for proposed development described below and made on 10 January 2014, which further information includes updates to the Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement.

### Description

The proposed development is as described in the original 2014 strategic infrastructure application (the **Application**) as follows:

*"Planning permission is sought for the development of an extension of Galway Harbour at Renmore and Townparks Townlands and on lands to be reclaimed from the foreshore and the sea in Galway Bay to the south of the existing Galway Harbour Enterprise Park, which contains a Seveso site. The works will include re-development of some of the land at Galway Harbour Enterprise Park.*

*Access to the development will be via the existing access at the junction of Lough Atalia Road and Bóthar na Long. The proposed development will include the relocation of the majority of the existing harbour related activities and businesses from the existing dock area to the new deep water berths, quays, jetties and yards to be located at the harbour extension.*

*The proposed development is largely in an area of Galway Bay which is designated as a candidate Special Area of Conservation [cSAC] and a Special Protection Area [SPA] and includes works on Lough Atalia Road Rail Bridge [a protected structure].*

The proposed development will include:-

- (i) quay walls, breakwaters and wave walls to create commercial quays and a deep water docking facility, extending southwards into Galway Bay
- (ii) dredging to create a new approach channel to the commercial quays and the deep water docking facility berths
- (iii) reclamation of approx 27 ha from the foreshore and sea bed
- (iv) development of the reclaimed lands and redevelopment of part of the adjacent Galway Harbour Enterprise Park lands for Harbour related business
- (v) marina on the western side
- (vi) fishing quays, slipway for a lifeboat station and a nautical centre on the eastern side
- (vii) a twin track freight rail link from the existing Galway to Dublin rail line to the commercial quays, including embankments, rail over-bridge to existing service road and noise abatement screening
- (viii) the construction of oil and bitumen transfer pipelines to the existing oil and bitumen tank farms on the Galway Harbour Enterprise Park and the provision of fire water storage facilities. This falls within the remit of EU Directive (96/82 EC) on the control of Major Accident Hazards, known as the SEVESO II Directive
- (ix) harbour related buildings, including Port Operations Office (4 storeys); Harbour Management Warehouse (single storey); Marina Office (single storey); Passenger Terminal (single storey); and ancillary car parking and site services, including 3 No. ESB sub-stations, demolition of 1 No. ESB sub-station, 3 No. Control Offices and Oil Terminal Water Pumphouse and a helicopter pad for search and rescue purposes.
- (x) the construction / improvement of access roads including the horizontal and vertical realignment of the road under Lough Atalia Road Rail Bridge [a protected structure] and realignment and improvements including traffic lights at Dock Road / Bóthar na Long / Galway Harbour Enterprise Park Access Road junction (adjacent to Harbour Hotel)
- (xi) the provision of landscaping and amenity areas, including replacement of the previously permitted amenity strip from the southern seaward boundary of the Galway Harbour Enterprise Park to form an amenity link from the marina to the nautical centre.
- (xii) the proposal includes for all associated temporary and permanent site development [including service roads / realignment of roads and underground works], landscape works [including public lighting and services] and activities to facilitate the construction of the development.

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement [EIS] and a Natura Impact Statement [NIS]. Elements of the development will require a Waste Licence, a Waste Water Discharge Licence and a Foreshore Licence / Lease.

A ten year permission is being sought."

The Further Information will be available for inspection free of charge or purchased upon payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy), during public opening hours for a period commencing on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- The Offices of Galway City Council Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, H91 X4K8
- The Offices of Galway Harbour Company, Harbour Offices, New Docks, Galway.

The documentation will be made available for viewing/downloading on the An Bord Pleanála website:

[www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)

The documentation may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:

[www.galwayharbourextension.com](http://www.galwayharbourextension.com)

Submissions or observations in relation to the **Further Information** may only be made to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, in writing or online at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie), and relating to:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development.
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out.
- (iii) The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

No fee is payable by certain prescribed bodies or by parties/individuals who have already made a valid written submission to An Bord Pleanála regarding the Application. Any other submissions/observations on the **Further Information** must be accompanied by a fee of €50. Submissions or observations must be received by An Bord Pleanála no later than **5.30 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2025**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- (i) The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent.
- (ii) The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- (iii) The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by An Bord Pleanála.

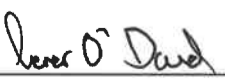
Please be advised that in accordance with the provisions of section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the period between 24th December 2024 and 1st January 2025, both days inclusive, have been disregarded for the purpose of calculating the last date for the making of submissions / observations in relation to the request.

Any enquiries relating to the Further Information should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel: 01 8588100)

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission to the Application with or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission to the Application. A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) (as amended).

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice on An Bord Pleanála's website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) or on the Citizens Information Service website: [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Date of Erection of Site Notice: 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2024

Signed:   
Conor O'Dowd, Chief Executive Officer  
Galway Harbour Company