Mr. Michael Owens,

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Galway County Council.

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**Re: Part 8 Planning Application – Loughrea Townhall**

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Please find enclosed application documentation in respect of a Part 8 planning application pertaining to works at Loughrea Townhall, Barrack Street, Loughrea, County Galway.

Galway County Council propose to carry out the following works:

* The renovation and refurbishment of the building to accommodate a change of use to provide a multi-functional performance and event space with supporting uses at ground floor level and a creative enterprise hub and co-working space with meeting rooms and open-plan areas at first floor level.
* The development includes demolition of the existing annex building to the rear and construction of a replacement annex to the rear of the building.
* The proposed development includes connection to existing services, associated site works, boundary treatments and new signage.

The subject works are located within Loughrea Architectural Conservation Area and include works to a Recorded Protected Structure No. 315 and listed on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage No. 30337027.

The proposed development which is the subject of this Part 8 application is standalone to the previous Part 8 granted (LA/0613).

A Stage 1 ‘Appropriate Assessment’ screening was carried out for the proposed development and Galway County Council has concluded that a Stage 2 ‘Appropriate Assessment’ (Natura Impact Assessment- NIS) is not required.

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Executive Architect,

Economic, Rural and Community Development Section.