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> vi. *Construction 1 no. 1.2m high roadside parapet boundary wall;*

vii. *Provision of new stormwater road gullies and extension of the existing culvert to drain the pier face;*
viii. *All ancillary site enabling and development works.*

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.'

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including the Natura Impact Statement (NIS), can be viewed and will be available for inspection or purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, for a period of not less than 6 weeks from ***Wednesday 25 November 2026 to 5:30pm Wednesday 6 January 2027 (inclusive),*** at the following location:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 between the hours of 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays);
- Galway County Council Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. from Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays);
- An Cheathrú Rua Area Office Galway County Council Offices, An Cheathrú Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe H91 HY76 Monday–Friday, 9:00am–1:00pm and 2:00pm–5:00pm;
- An electronic copy of the plans and particulars and the NIS may also be viewed and downloaded from the following link: https://consult.galway.ie/

A complete list of the documentation submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála can be found appended this letter.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (The Commission) of 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 not later than 5:30pm on Wednesday 6th January 2027 relating to the following:

I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned;
II. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and
III. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site.

The Commission may, in respect of a Section 177AE application for development, decide to:

I. Give approval to the application for development with or without conditions, or
II. May refuse the application for development

Any person may question the validity of any such decision 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 by S.I No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'information on cases/ weekly lists — Judicial Review of Planning Decisions' on the Commission's website (www.Pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website (www.CitizensInformation.ie).

The deadline for receipt of submissions or observations to An Coimisiún Pleanála is Wednesday 6th January 2027 at 5:30 PM.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosed: Schedule of Documents

Planning Application Documentation

- Cover Letter prepared by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants
- Copy of Full Page Newspaper Notice: Tuam Herald (dated 25th November 2026)
- Copy of the Prescribed Body Letters as issued on the 25th November 2026
- Landowner Letter of Consent Folio: GY50819 from Thomas & Sally McDonagh

Planning Application Drawings

- Site Location Map prepared by Langan Consulting Engineers
- Planning Application Drawings prepared by Langan Consulting Engineers

Technical Reports

- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared by JBA Consulting
- Natura Impact Statement prepared by JBA Consulting
- Proposed Works Memorandum prepared by Langan Consulting Engineers
- Planning Report prepared by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants

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