Our Case Number: ABP-321144-24
Your Reference: Galway County Council



MKO Tuam Road Galway H91 VW84

Date: 02 May 2025

Re: Proposed development of a public realm scheme in Clifden, County Galway

Townlands of Clifden, County Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned proposed development which is before the Board for consideration.

Please be advised that the Board, in accordance with section 177AE(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby requires you to furnish the following further information in relation to the effects of the environment of the proposed development:

## 1. Roads and Traffic

- Having regard to the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit submitted with the application, it would appear
  that a number of the recommendations (Problems 2.1.1-2.1.24, 4.1.1-4.1.3, 5.1.1-5.1.2,
  Observations 1-3) have not been incorporated into the proposed development. You are
  requested to outline the rationale for same.
- The applicant should clarify if the proposed development will impact on existing vehicular access/egress at the junction of Market Street-Bridewell Lane.
- The applicant should submit proposals addressing the potential for any pedestrian safety issues to arise at the northeastern entrance to Harbour Park on the Beach Road area of the site.
- The applicant should clarify if proposed loading bay dimensions accord with DMURS guidelines.
   Proposals to comply with DMURS standards should be outlined, if/where applicable.
- The number of on-street parking spaces to be removed from the town centre should be clarified.
- Treatments of existing EV charging points should be outlined, if/where applicable

## 2. Cultural Heritage

- Details of proposed replacement railing at Beach Road Quay should be clarified and outlined on drawings and sections.
- The applicant should clearly outline their proposals for existing bollards.

 Proposed material treatments for all quay bollards should be clarified and these should be outlined on drawings and sections.

# 3. Natura Impact Statement

- The applicant should consider all Statutory Instruments applicable to relevant designated European Sites in respect of the relevant Qualifying Interests/Special Conservation Interests.
- Consideration should be given to the potential impact of lighting on otter at construction and operational stages.
- The location of the site compound should be outlined.

#### 4. Plans

- The status of the Clifden Local Area Plan 2018-2024 should be clarified.
- Appendix 1 of the Preliminary Pre-Design Stage Asbestos Management Plan should be submitted.

### 5. Prescribed Bodies

• A list of the prescribed bodies notified of the application for approval should be submitted.

### 6. Submissions

• The applicant is invited to respond to the submissions received, a copy of the submissions was circulated to Galway County Council via their agent MKO on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

The further information referred to above should be received by the Board within 4 weeks from the date of this notice (i.e. no later than 5.30 p.m. on the **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.

Please note that following its examination of any information lodged in response to this request for additional information, the Board will then decide whether or not to invoke its powers under section 177AE(5)(d) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, requiring you to publish notice of the furnishing of any additional information and to allow for inspection or purchase of same and the making of further written submissions in relation to same to the Board.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

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Yours faithfully,

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