

An Coimisiún Pleanála 64 Marlborough St, Dublin 1, D01 V902

Date: 18th June 2025

Our ref: 210327 Your ref: ABP-321144-24

Re: Response to Further Information Request on a Part X Planning Application for Permission for Public Realm Enhancement Works at Clifden, Co. Galway (Ref. ABP-321144-24)

A Chara,

On behalf of Galway County Council, please find enclosed a response to the further information request on the Part 10 planning application for the Clifden Town Centre Enhancement project under your reference: ABP-321144-24. The proposed development description is as follows:

"Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála. In accordance with Section 177AE(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, Galway County Council are seeking approval from An Bord Pleanála for the proposed development of a public realm scheme in Clifden, Co. Galway.

The proposed works include:

- i. Alterations works to the Clifden Town Centre area on Seaview Road, Main Street, Market Street, Market Hill, Bridgewell Lane, Bridge Street, and Hulk Street comprising:
 - a. The reconfiguration and resurfacing of roads and realignment of parking spaces including removal of 58 no. On-street parking spaces leaving a total of 155 no. on street parking spaces,
 - b. The widening and realignment of existing footpath areas, including the provision of new soft and hard landscaping,
 - c. The installation of new and upgraded public lighting throughout the town,
 - d. Relocation of The Beacon Statue,
 - e. Installation of new public art,
- ii. Alterations to and resurfacing of Beach Road Quay public realm comprising:
 - a. The provision of pedestrian and seating areas on the quay side of Beach Road quay, including the installation of 6 no. seating areas, and ancillary paving and landscaping,
 - b. Remedial works to the quay wall (NIAH reg no. 30325017), including the resetting of dislodged stones, the removal of vegetation, and remedial masonry works,
 - c. The replacement of existing railings along the quay wall,
 - d. The installation of public lighting along the roadside,
- iii. Redevelopment of the Harbour Park area south of Beach Road and to the west of Clifden town centre.

- a. The demolition of the existing playground on site, and the construction of a new park including multi-age playground areas, including the provision of:
 - i. Cycle Parking,
 - ii. Timber Play Furniture,
 - iii. Picnic benches and seating areas,
 - iv. An Amphitheatre Performance Spaces,
 - v. Climbing Wall
 - vi. Pump track,
 - vii. Running Track,
 - viii. Car Park,
 - ix. Sports pitch,
- b. Resurfacing, paving and hard & soft landscaping of the park area,
- iv. All other associated and ancillary works

This application is supported by Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report has been undertaken in respect of the proposed development and concluded that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required."

Response Contents

Alongside this cover letter, the following documents are being submitted as part of this response:

Drawings

- Revised versions of the following drawings prepared by LUC:
 - 11632-LUC-BR-XX-DR-L-0002: Beach Road Masterplan
 - o 11632-LUC-BR-XX-DR-L-0603: Beach Road Quay Steel Railing Detail
 - o 11632-LUC-BR-XX-DR-L-0604: Beach Road Quay Pillar Bollard Detail
 - o 11632-LUC-HP-XX-DR-L-0002: Harbour Park Landscape GA
 - o 11632-LUC-TC-XX-DR-L-0200-0202: Town Centre Hard Landscape Proposals 1 of 3

Reports

- **Response to Request for Further Information** prepared by MKO and LUC including:
 - O Appendix 1: Preliminary Pre-Design Stage Asbestos Management Plan
 - o Appendix 2: Clifden RSA Response Tracker
- Updated Natura Impact Statement prepared by MKO

We trust that the documentation submitted fully satisfies the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

Pamela Harty

Project Director