

An Chomhairle Ealaíon 70 Merrion Square Dublin 2 D02 NY52 Our ref: 220727-a Your ref:

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  - o Architectural Drawing Pack prepared by Helena McElmeel Architects
  - O Civil Engineering Layout and Sections prepared by S. Hanniffy & Associates
  - Lighting Design prepared by MWP
- Technical Reports
  - Planning Report prepared by MKO
  - o Natura Impact Statement prepared by MKO
  - Ecological Impact Assessment prepared by MKO
  - EIA Screening Report prepared by MKO
  - Construction and Environmental Management Plan prepared by MKO
  - Architectural Design Statement prepared by Helena McElmeel Architects
  - o Landscape Soft Works Report prepared by Cooney Mcdowall Design Studio Ltd
  - Civil Design Report prepared by S. Hanniffy and Associates
  - Road Safety Audit prepared by Traffico Ltd
  - Traffic and Transport Assessment prepared by Alan Lipscombe Traffic and Transport Consultants
  - Flood Risk Assessment prepared by Hydro Environmental Ltd
  - Public Lighting Overview and Calculations Reports prepared by MWP

Further to our previous correspondence, an electronic copy of the planning application pack as outlined above is enclosed with this letter via USB. An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") has also received a copy of the application pack. The application will be available for inspection at the offices of The Board and Galway County Council for a period of six weeks commencing on the  $27^{\rm th}$  of September 2024.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála in writing or online at <a href="https://www.pleanala.ie">www.pleanala.ie</a>, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of six weeks relating to:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- The likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of  $\in 50$  (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the  $8^{th}$  of November 2024.

Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- 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,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers)

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

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. The Board may, in respect of an application for permission, decide to:

- i. Grant the permission, or
- ii. Make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- iii. Grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- iv. Refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Local Authority Projects Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel: 01-8588100, Email: laps@pleanala.ie).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board 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 on the Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website <a href="https://www.citizensinformation.ie">www.citizensinformation.ie</a>.

Yours sincerely,

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