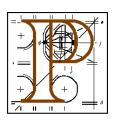
# An Bord Pleanála



# STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

# An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: 06D.PA0042

# (Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council)

**APPLICATION** for permission under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, in accordance with plans and particulars, including an environmental impact statement and a Natura impact statement, lodged with An Bord Pleanála on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015 by Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company care of Stephen Little and Associates of 6 Upper Mount Street, Dublin.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Eight-year permission for the construction of a new cruise berth facility consisting of both maritime and landside development works including quay/pier structures of approximately 435 metres overall length, a new deep-water dredge channel and turning circle, associated facilities and all ancillary site development and landscape works. The proposed development will consist of the following:

Suspended piled quay/pier structures of approximately 435 metres in overall length consisting of 120-metre long by 20-metre wide quay, 175-metre long by 9.1-metre wide access causeway, 140-metre long by 1.2-metre wide suspended metal access walkways, with a deck level +6.9-metre above Chart Datum (+4.39 metres ODM); ancillary infrastructure including piles, fenders and facing panels, eight number 3-metre diameter monopole mooring dolphins, hand railings, feature lighting, 12-metre high quay lighting masts, emergency access ladders, bin storage area, maritime furniture and associated development.

- Provision of a navigation underpass beneath the proposed access causeway to cater for passage of low headroom vessels.
- Alterations and new piling to a section of the Eastern Breakwater, with new underwater scour protection concrete mattress plus rip-rap system.
- Minor repair of underwater masonry blocks on the West Pier Roundhead (a protected structure) and replacement with the parent masonry block retrieved from the sea bed, where practicable.
- Outside of normal cruise season, it is planned that the new berth could be used for a range of harbour and amenity related activities, including berthing of other vessels and boat storage.
- Dredging of an access channel from deep water in Dublin Bay to Saint Michael's Pier/Marina Eastern Breakwater, including an approximately 500-metre diameter turning circle situated outside the harbour mouth, an access channel of approximately 1,150 metres in length outside the harbour walls, and a channel of approximately 850 metres in length inside the harbour involving the removal of material to a depth of -10.5 metres below Chart Datum (-13.01 metres ODM), total length of approximately 2,500 metres. The access channel outside the harbour will have a navigable width of approximately 120 metres. The total dredged volume is approximately 710,000 cubic metres. The proposal also involves the infilling of an existing underwater scour hole within the harbour with approximately 20,000 cubic metres of dredged material.
- A system of new navigation aids placed outside and within the harbour walls.
- An approximately 7-metre wide shared use pedestrian and private vehicle access zone located adjacent to the existing Marina connecting the Marine Eastern Breakwater to Harbour Road, together with a new approximately 5.2-metre wide pedestrian boardwalk with tiered seating parallel to this shared area and located between this shared area and the Marina.

- A new approximately 2.4-metre high boundary treatment along the revised boundary edge with the former HSS yard area, including provision of gates.
- A new pedestrian footpath along a section of Harbour Road and provision of three number pedestrian crossings.
- A 27-coach and mini-bus drop-off/pick-up area and taxi parking area within a dedicated section of the existing HSS ferry marshalling area including a new approximately 6-metre wide raised pedestrian area.
- Reconfiguration of existing vehicle entrance to the coach parking area on Harbour Road, reconfiguration of existing terminal exit on Harbour Road for two-way traffic and removal of one number vehicle exit on Harbour Road.
- Reconfiguration of existing pay-and-display car parking off Harbour Road resulting in a net increase of nine number payand-display car parking spaces.
- Temporary closure during construction of the public pedestrian walkway to the Eastern Breakwater, with reinstatement on completion.
- A new single storey security kiosk and office building and a new security gate on the Eastern Breakwater; re-use of the existing motorists' building for cruise meeting point, information centre, passenger welfare facilities and bin storage area.
- Works at Accommodation Road including modifications to an existing retaining wall and kerbing adjoining the car park and provision of a new pedestrian crossing, located adjacent to the Old Quay area, west of the harbour.
- A coach overflow holding area within Accommodation Walk west of the harbour.
- Relocation locally on the Eastern Breakwater of an existing monument and relocation locally at the Old Quay car park of an existing plaque.

- Demolition of certain harbour infrastructure including the boundary wall along the HSS yard boundary, the motorists' administration building, a section of the Porte Cochere canopy structure, railings and gates; removal and replacement of existing pavements; removal/relocation of existing light poles and signage and tree removal.
- Provision of new buried utilities and services, watermain connection, lighting columns, feature lighting and signage for vehicles and non-motorised users.
- All ancillary site development and landscape works, all at Saint Michael's Pier/Marina Eastern Breakwater, Harbour Road, Dún Laoghaire Harbour, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin.

### DECISION

GRANT permission under section 37G of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

DETERMINE under section 37H(2)(c) the sum to be paid by the applicant in respect of costs associated with the application as set out in the Schedule of Costs below.

# MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included the submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions. In coming to its decision, the Board had regard, inter alia, to the following:

- (a) the long established use of Dún Laoghaire Harbour as a port serving a wide, and evolving, range of commercial and recreational activities,
- (b) the National Ports Policy 2013, as issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, in which Dún Laoghaire is identified as a Tier 3 Port of Regional Importance and the long term future of Dún Laoghaire Harbour is seen as being "in terms of marine leisure, maritime tourism, cultural amenity and urban redevelopment",
- (c) the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010 - 2022 which, inter alia, recognises that Dún Laoghaire has "a role to play in port capacity at a smaller scale and in relation to specialist needs",
- (d) the provisions of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2016 – 2022, including all relevant Special Local Objectives and the Dún Laoghaire Urban Framework Plan,
- (e) the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Master Plan 2011 2030, including, in particular, the specific objective to "Accommodate cruise liner facilities, having regard to the needs of other harbour users, potential environmental impacts and the feasibility of providing such facilities",
- (f) the nature and the extent of the berth proposed in the application documentation and the proposed maximum ship length in the context of the needs of other harbour users and the amenities of the area,
- (g) all documentation on file including the environmental impact statement, the Natura impact statement and the submissions and observations made in respect of the application, including at the oral hearing,
- (h) the planning history of the site,
- (i) the requirement on the applicant to secure a Dumping at Sea Permit from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),

- (j) the report and recommendation of the Senior Planning Inspector dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2016, and
- (k) the memorandum from the Director of Planning dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016.

### Environmental Impact Assessment:

In carrying out an environmental impact assessment of the proposed development, the Board took the following into account:

- the nature, scale, extent and location of the proposed development,
- the environmental impact statement submitted with the application,
- the applicant's oral hearing submissions,
- the submissions from the planning authority and from the observers in the course of the application and the submissions made to the oral hearing, and
- the Senior Planning Inspector's report and recommendation dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2016.

The Board considered that the environmental impact statement and the above-listed documentation identify and describe adequately the direct and indirect effects of the proposed development on the environment. The Board completed an environmental impact assessment in relation to the subject development, by itself and in combination with other development in the vicinity.

The Board concurred with, and adopted, the report of the Senior Planning Inspector except in respect of the following matters:

#### Navigation:

The Board was satisfied that, for the purposes of carrying out an environmental impact assessment (EIA), the channel and turning circle proposal, as set out in the planning application, environmental impact statement and oral hearing, was generally an acceptable approach. The Board was also of the view that more detailed simulations and modelling is a normal next step prior to construction and operation. The Board also considered that any navigation concerns in respect of very large ships of up to 340 metres would not arise as a result of the condition restricting ships to a maximum length of 250 metres. In view of the restrictions on the overall length allowed, the Board did not consider that any modifications to the turning circle or approach channel would be necessary, but in the unlikely event of such a requirement, the Board considered that any such changes might be considered by means of an application for an amendment of the permission under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

### Visual Impacts:

The Board considered that the number and location of photomontages were adequate to carry out an environmental impact assessment. The Board considered that the reduction in the scale of the berth, as required by planning condition, would result in a nature and extent of development that would have an acceptable visual impact on the environment.

# Impact on Roundheads (Protected Structures at Harbour entrance):

Having considered the submissions from the applicant and the observers, the Board considered that the stability of the roundheads was unlikely to be affected by scour or erosion arising from cruise ships and generally accepted the submissions of the applicant's consultants (Waterman Moylan) at the oral hearing. In any event, a programme of monitoring of erosion or scour at foundations can be required by condition to ensure that any negative trends can be identified and addressed at an early stage.

### Other Impacts:

Having regard to concerns expressed by the Senior Planning Inspector, the Board was satisfied that there was adequate information on file in respect of the potential impacts arising from construction noise, wind shadow, bus parking, shadow analysis, for the purposes of carrying out an environmental impact assessment. The Board considered that each of these impacts would be either intermittent or temporary in duration and was of the view that the impacts would be acceptable and the need for further information on any of these matters did not arise.

# **EIA Conclusion:**

The Board concluded that the impacts arising from the proposed development, as submitted, which seeks to accommodate cruise ships of up to circa 340 metres length overall (LOA), would result in an excessive scale of development with effects on Dún Laoghaire Harbour that would be unacceptable in terms of impacts on the visual amenities of the area, the historic character of the area, and the recreational amenities enjoyed by sailors and other users of the harbour generally. To address these concerns, the Board decided that it would be appropriate to reduce the scale of the proposed development, by planning condition, so that the berth length would only accommodate cruise ships (or other vessels) with a maximum length of 250 metres length overall (LOA). As well as significantly reducing the scale of vessels coming into the harbour, this creates significantly less intrusion into current open areas of water between the end of the new berth and the roundheads, to the benefit of recreational users of the harbour.

The Board assessed the environmental impacts of the proposed change brought about by the planning condition drafted to reduce the nature and extent of the proposed development and was satisfied that the impacts arising from the changes would relate, principally, to the character of the area and the amenities of the area. In both regards the Board considered that the changes required by condition would have a positive impact and considered that the amendments to the configuration of the berth would not otherwise have any implications in terms of EIA and, in particular, the extent of dredging and piling would not increase. Overall, the Board considered that the environmental impacts arising from the amended scheme, which come entirely within the footprint of the originally submitted development, would be the same in terms of the nature of the effects and the same, or slightly less, in terms of the scale of the impacts. Furthermore, the Board considered that the amended development would not give rise to any new significant impacts on the environment. In granting permission for a berth of reduced length, the Board considered that it had adequate information on which to carry out an environmental impact assessment.

The Board concluded that, subject to the planning conditions attached and subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures proposed, the effects on the environment of the proposed development would be acceptable.

### Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening:

The Board noted that the proposed development is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of a European Site.

The Board had regard to:

- the Natura impact statement submitted with the planning application and the documentation on file,
- the submissions from the planning authority and from the observers in the course of the application,
- the submissions made to the oral hearing,
- the Senior Planning Inspector's report and recommendation dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2016, and
- the memorandum from the Director of Planning dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016,

and completed a screening for appropriate assessment. The Board, as per the Senior Planning Inspector, was satisfied that no sourcepathway-receptor issues arise for any European Site in excess of 15 kilometres from the site of the proposed development.

The Board accepted and adopted the screening assessment carried out by the applicant's consultant ecologists (Scott Cawley) in respect of the identification of the European Sites which could potentially be affected, and the identification and assessment of the potential likely significant effects of the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, on these European sites in view of the sites' conservation objectives. The Board was satisfied that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the following eight number European Sites:

- Howth Head Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000202),
- Irelands Eye Special Area of Conservation (site code: 002193),
- Baldoyle Bay Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000199),
- Bray Head Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000714),
- Ballyman Glen Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000713),
- Knocksink Wood Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000725),
- Wicklow Mountains Special Area of Conservation (site code: 002122), and
- Wicklow Mountains Special Protection Area (site code: 004040).

The Board further accepted and agreed with the screening assessment carried out by Scott Cawley in which it was concluded that there are nine European sites (three number Special Areas of Conservation and six number Special Protection Areas) for which there is a possibility of significant effects:

- Rockabill to Dalkey Island candidate Special Area of Conservation (site code: 003000),
- South Dublin Bay candidate Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000210),
- North Dublin Bay candidate Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000206),
- Dalkey Islands Special Protection Area (site code: 004172),

- South Dublin Bay and Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area (site code: 004024),
- North Bull Island Special Protection Area (site code: 004006),
- Howth Head Coast Special Protection Area (site code: 004113),
- Baldoyle Special Protection Area (site code: 004016), and
- Ireland's Eye Special Protection Area (site code: 004117).

# Stage II Appropriate Assessment

The Board considered the Natura impact statement, the report of the Senior Planning Inspector and all submissions, including those made at the oral hearing, and carried out an appropriate assessment of the implications of the proposed development for the nine European Sites in view of the sites' conservation objectives. The Board considered that the information before it was adequate to allow the carrying out of an appropriate assessment. Having regard to the nature, scale and design of the proposed development, the Natura impact statement submitted with the application, the submissions on file and the Senior Planning Inspector's assessment, the Board completed an appropriate assessment of the impacts of the proposed development on the following eight number European sites:

- South Dublin Bay candidate Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000210),
- North Dublin Bay candidate Special Area of Conservation (site code: 000206),
- Dalkey Islands Special Protection Area (site code: 004172),
- South Dublin Bay and Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area (site code: 004024),
- North Bull Island Special Protection Area (site code: 004006),

- Howth Head Coast Special Protection Area (site code: 004113),
- Baldoyle Special Protection Area (site code: 004016), and
- Ireland's Eye Special Protection Area (site code: 004117).

The Board concluded that the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other plans or projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of the above European Sites in view of the sites' conservation objectives. In doing so, the Board adopted the applicant's ecologist's stage 2 appropriate assessment in respect of these sites.

The remaining site for consideration is the Rockabill to Dalkey Island candidate Special Area of Conservation (site code: 003000). In deciding not to accept the Senior Planning Inspector's recommended refusal reason number 1, which effectively addressed concerns regarding the effects that waste water and dredging might have on the Harbour Porpoise in the Rockabill to Dalkey Island candidate Special Area of Conservation, the Board came to the following conclusions.

The Board noted that the proposed cruise berth is designed to function as a port of call only and that it is not proposed to have waste water reception facilities within Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The Board also noted that the discharge of waste water from ships is governed by the Marpol Convention and, further noted, as set out on page 63 of the Natura impact statement, that it is proposed to discharge all waste water outside territorial waters. The Board was, therefore, satisfied that the risk of ship waste water discharging into the Rockabill to Dalkey Island candidate Special Area of Conservation and affecting the Harbour Porpoise does not arise and did not consider it necessary, or appropriate, to address this matter by planning condition.

In respect of the Marine Mammal Observer and the Senior Planning Inspector's concerns regarding dredging and piling being carried out on a 24-hour basis, the Board noted that the Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht guidance document (Guidance to Manage Risk to Marine Mammals from Man-made Sound Sources in Irish Waters, Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht, 2014) will be implemented in full for the protection of marine mammals from potential injury due to the noise generated during piling operations. In respect of the dredging programme, the Board had regard to the submissions received, including from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), the submissions made at the oral hearing and had particular regard to the extent of the deviations from the Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht Guidance set out in the applicant's ecologist's report (page 61 of the Natura impact statement). The Board concurred with the applicant's ecologist that the shorter dredging programme (which includes night-time dredging) appropriately balances the very low risk of injury or disturbance to marine mammals of commencing some dredging cycles outside daylight hours with minimising the overall duration of the disturbance. The Board concurred with the conclusion regarding the merits of a shorter dredging programme set out on page 61 of the Natura impact statement.

Overall, in respect of the Senior Planning Inspector's recommended refusal reason number 1, the Board concurred with and adopted the stage 2 appropriate assessment carried out by the applicant's ecologist and was satisfied that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of the Rockabill to Dalkey Island candidate Special Area of Conservation (site code: 003000) in view of the site's conservation objectives.

# **Conclusions on Proper Planning and Sustainable Development:**

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the mitigation measures set out in the environmental impact statement and the Natura impact statement, and, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development of a cruise berth facilitating acceptance of cruise ships up to a maximum of 250 metres length overall (LOA):

- would be in accordance with the National Ports Policy 2013 and in accordance with national, regional and local planning policy,
- would enable the development of an appropriate level of commercial cruise tourism within the harbour,
- would support the regional role of the port and be beneficial in re-establishing tourism and commercial linkage between the harbour and Dún Laoghaire Town Centre as envisaged in local planning policy,

- would strike an acceptable balance between commercial development of the harbour and protecting the amenities of recreational users and would be acceptable in terms of navigation, marine safety and convenience for all harbour users,
- would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience,
- would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity,
- would adequately protect the harbour's heritage assets and protected structures, and
- would not be prejudicial to public health or safety.

The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the recommendation of the Senior Planning Inspector to refuse planning permission the Board concluded as follows:

### Reasons 1 and 2:

The reasons for not accepting the Senior Planning Inspector's reasons numbers 1 and 2 are set out, respectively, under the appropriate assessment and environmental impact assessment sections above.

### Reason 3:

The Board considered that the National Ports Policy 2013 (NPP) principally addresses commercial freight and noted that Dún Laoghaire Harbour was specifically identified as a Tier 3 Port of Regional Importance in the National Ports Policy document. In addition, the Board noted that in the NPP the long-term future of Dún Laoghaire Harbour is seen as being "in terms of marine leisure, maritime tourism, cultural amenity and urban redevelopment". The Board did not accept the Senior Planning Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission on the grounds that the proposed development would conflict with the vision set out in the NPP; rather the Board considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with the NPP and

further considered that the amended scheme would fully align with current regional and local planning policies.

# CONDITIONS

- 1. (a) The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require points of detail to be agreed with the planning authority, these matters shall be the subject of written agreement and shall be implemented in accordance with the agreed particulars.
  - (b) All environmental mitigation measures set out in the environmental impact statement, Natura impact statement and associated documentation submitted by the developer with the application and at the oral hearing shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity and environmental protection.

- 2. The proposed development shall be amended as follows:
  - (a) The berth shall be reduced in scale to accommodate vessels with a maximum length of 250 metres length overall (LOA).
  - (b) The length of the new berth structure shall be reduced from 435 metres to 320 metres, when measured from the landside.
  - (c) No individual element of the berth (causeway, quay or access walkway) shall increase in dimensions over that proposed in the application. The amended configuration shall continue to make provision for a boating underpass in the causeway.

Revised plans, section and elevational drawings showing compliance with these amendments shall be submitted to and agreed with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The agreed amended scheme shall be made available for public record.

**Reason:** To curtail the scale and extent of the proposed development in the interest of the amenities of recreational harbour users.

3. The period during which the proposed development hereby permitted may be carried out shall be eight years from the date of this order.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

4. A monitoring plan shall be submitted to and agreed with the planning authority in respect of monitoring the structural stability of the roundheads (protected structures) at the entrance to the harbour.

**Reason:** To ensure the long term structural integrity of the protected structures.

- 5. Details in respect of the following shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to commencement of development:
  - (a) The palette of all proposed finishes.
  - (b) The proposals for public access to the facility when the berth is not in use.

**Reason:** To ensure that a high quality of public realm is created and is publicly accessible at appropriate times in the interest of the amenities of the area.

- 6. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall include specific provisions for the following:
  - A Construction Traffic Management Strategy,
  - proposals for maintaining public roadways free from debris arising from the proposed development, and
  - a management system for invasive alien species which shall be used for the duration of the proposed works.

The plan shall include a comprehensive monitoring schedule to include, inter alia, noise, vibration, and dust monitoring with quarterly reporting to the planning authority. A record of daily checks that the works are being undertaken in accordance with the Construction Management Plan shall also be available for public inspection by the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interest of traffic safety, to ensure the continued efficient operation of the harbour, and to protect the environment and the amenities of the area.

- (a) The construction noise levels arising from the proposed development shall not exceed the predicted noise levels presented in Chapter 5.6 of Volume 1 of the environmental impact statement.
  - (b) A program of construction noise monitoring shall form part of the Construction Management Plan and detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to and agreed with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.
  - (c) All sound measurements shall be carried out in accordance with ISO Recommendations R 1996, "Assessment of Noise with Respect to Community Response" as amended by ISO Recommendations R 1996/1, 2 and 3, "Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise", as appropriate.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential amenity.

8. In relation to marine mammals, the developer shall make provisions to ensure proposals for an adequate number of suitably qualified marine mammal observers for the duration of piling and dredging in order to ensure satisfactory monitoring.

**Reason:** In the interest of wildlife protection.

- 9. The developer shall facilitate the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features that may exist within the site. The areas requiring testing are outlined in the environmental impact statement. In this regard, the developer shall:
  - notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operations, (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development.
  - (b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist who shall monitor all site investigations and other excavation works.
  - (c) provide arrangements, acceptable to the planning authority, for the recording and for the removal of any archaeological material which the planning authority considers appropriate to remove.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In order to conserve the underwater archaeological heritage of the site and to secure the preservation and protection of any remains that may exist within the site.

10. No overflow bus parking shall take place along the rail siding in the vicinity of the Old Quay (Accommodation Walk).

**Reason:** To ensure the proposed development will not interfere with potential sustainable transportation initiatives.

# SCHEDULE OF COSTS

In accordance with the provisions of section 37H(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the amount due to be paid by the applicant is as follows:

Name	Amount awarded	Reasons and Considerations	
An Bord Pleanála	€52,096	In accordance with schedule of costs incurred.	
Raphael G. Heron	Nil	See below	
Dún Laoghaire Combined Clubs	Nil	See below	
Brian L. Bond	Nil	See below	
Thomas M. Clear	Nil	See below	
An Taisce	Nil	See below	

The Board decided not to award costs to the observers in the case for the following Reasons and Considerations:

Having regard to:

- the submissions made on the case by the observers in writing and at the oral hearing,
- the detailed and reasoned report of the Board's Senior Planning Inspector, and
- the Board's decision in the case,

it is considered that the strategic infrastructure development application process has enabled full participation by the observers in the case both in writing and at the oral hearing and there are no particular circumstances arising that would justify the developer having to make a contribution towards the costs of the observers in this case. A breakdown of the Boards costs is set out in the attached Appendix 1.

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 201	ated this	day of	2016.
-----------------------	-----------	--------	-------