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### Re: Galway County Council Application under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for N59 Oughterard Footbridge.

#### A Dhuine Uaisle

Galway County Council wishes to apply for approval under Section 177 AE of the Planning and Development Act 200 (as amended), to construct a footbridge over the Owenriff River in Oughterard, County Galway.

The proposed development presented herein will consist of the construction of a new low, steel bow-string truss pedestrian footbridge over the Owenriff River, located approximately 150m downstream (north-east) of the existing N59 road bridge, in the townlands of Cregg, Carrowmanagh, and Fough West, Oughterard, County Galway.

The proposed footbridge will be up to approximately 3.6m in height, and approximately 48.2m in length, with a 3m clear deck width. It will be a single-span footbridge with abutments to either side of the Owenriff River, and there will be no instream works. It will also contain a 3m clear width access ramp to tie into the Carrowmanagh Road to the north-west with stepped access to the riverside walkway. A new pedestrian crossing with speed table is proposed on Carrowmanagh Road with realigned kerb line.

A path is proposed to tie into the N59 Clifden Road to the south-east with a new pedestrian crossing with speed table, and realigned carriageway kerb line. Works will include the demolition and rebuilding/realignment of the existing boundary wall to the existing dwelling to the north (adjacent to the riverside walkway) and to the existing dwelling to the south known as The Old Barracks. Ancillary works will include walls, fencing, pedestrian railings, bollards, signage, lighting, benches, hard and soft landscaping, including compensatory tree planting at Carrowmanagh Park, the diversion/replacement of an existing watermain and combined sewer, and a temporary construction compound on lands at Station Road.

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

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Enclosed are two copies and 1 no. USB key containing the following documents:

1. The plans and particulars, including the NIS, of the proposed development.
2. The newspapers in which public advertisement of the application was made (Irish Independent, dated ~~27th June~~ <sup>4th July</sup> 2025 and the Connacht Tribune, dated ~~27th June~~ <sup>4th July</sup> 2025).
3. The list of the prescribed bodies to whom we have sent notices under Section 177AE (4)(b) as amended, and as set out in Article 121 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

A soft copy of this application can also be found and downloaded at  
<https://www.galway.ie/en/services/roads/roadsprojects/n59oughterardfootbridge/>

I confirm that the application, will be made available for public inspection at the following locations:

- The offices of Galway County Council, County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91H6KX
- The offices of Galway National Roads Project Office, Corporate House, Ballybrit Business Park, Ballybrit, Galway, H91KT67
- Oughterard Library, 2 Main Street, Fough West, Oughterard, Co. Galway, H91 W6R9
- <https://www.galway.ie/en/services/roads/roadsprojects/n59oughterardfootbridge/>

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