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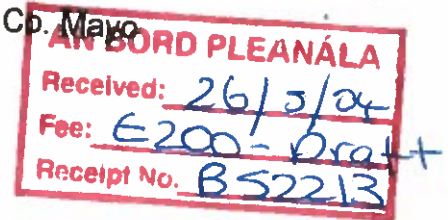
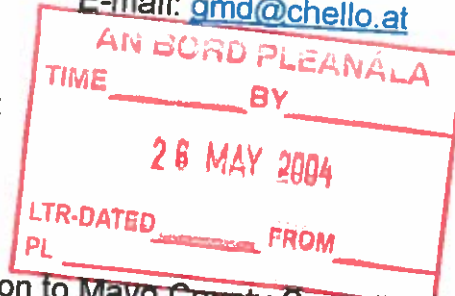
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20 May 2004

Re.: Planning Application to Mayo County Council (P03/3343) – Appeal,
Submissions and Observations to An Bord Pleanála

A Chara

I hereby lodge an appeal, including submissions and observations, to you on the recent decision by Mayo County Council to grant planning permission (Application P03/3343) to Shell E & P Ireland Ltd, for the development of a gas terminal for the reception and separation of gas including plant and equipment at Bellagely South, Ballinaboy Bridge and for a peat deposition site at Shrahmore and Attavally, Bangor Erris.

I enclose the prescribed fee of EUR 200 made out to An Bord Pleanála.

I also enclose a copy of the 'Letter of Acknowledgement' from Mayo Co. Council, dated 26 January 2004 of my submissions to the Council regarding the application submitted by Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.

I am also making submissions to this application in my capacity as Chairman of and on behalf of the Dooncarton Landslide Committee and attach a supporting letter to this Appeal.

I would like to state first of all that I was quite dismayed that Mayo County Council ignored my observations and submissions which I made on 08 January 2004 regarding the terminal application by Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.

This proposed development is certainly the biggest ever Erris has seen and probably the biggest in Co. Mayo and the West of Ireland. I am in full support of bringing gas into Ireland – it is a right of a country to tap into its natural resources, be they on its lands or in its waters. This gas field will certainly contribute to the economy of Ireland in general, particularly where the gas will be consumed, such as Galway, Dublin and the south of Ireland. It will help replace the Kinsale over time.

The manner in which this application in general has been handled has been totally unsatisfactory. The expectations of Shell E & P Ireland Ltd and the Irish

Government are totally outrageous compared to what the locality of Erris and Co. Mayo is being provided with.

The application provides next to no information on what or how the Barony of Erris and towns beyond would benefit from the construction of the gas terminal and peat deposition site. I am calling now on An Bord Pleanala to take this into account when they are considering this application. Please note that this should be irrespective of the fact that a previous application was once upheld by Mayo Co. Council (and thankfully at the time turned down by An Bord Pleanala). There has been much water under the bridge since then. Planning regulations have become stricter, environmental laws are being better enforced and there has been at least one natural catastrophe with the landslides of Dooncarton, Glengad last September. This application should therefore be seen in an even stricter light now by An Bord Pleanala.

Let me make one point with regard to the Peat Deposition Site proposal. The removal of the peat, while sounding like a novel idea, still does not justify the proposal that the site is 'ideal' for the terminal. A bog is always a bog and such a terminal does not suit the terrain that exists. I will however leave the scientific details to the experts and many neighbours and residents of Erris who have been raising strong objections to the terminal on the basis of its potential risk to the environment and safety. I completely support them.

Below please find my submissions and observations which are focused on elements such as the benefits to Erris in general and the pay-off to local residents and community for the erection of a structure such as that in this application. Based on my submissions and observations, below I believe that, should they not be fulfilled or adhered to, the terminal should be rejected by An Bord Pleanala.

1. Observation

The planning application submitted only gives a vague indication of how Shell E & P Ireland Ltd. would contribute to the local economy. There are no specific proposals given by Shell E & P Ireland Ltd. as to how the economy will grow (except for the detail that the workforce will be up to 50 people). The company should give clearer details on how it expects the local economy to perform with such a development in Erris. The company does not clarify fully how 'the development is likely to act as a catalyst to economic development'. This is not good enough in the context of such a huge development, particularly when it seems to be that the returns to Shell from this gas field will be very good. These issues should be clarified further by Mayo Co. Council.

2. Observation

My main criticism of the terminal proposal is that Erris as a barony is not being offered a good enough return on its 'investment' of its valuable resources (land, strand/beaches and sea and air and especially farmland) from Shell or the Irish. I propose to you that gas be provided to Belmullet, Bangor, Ballina, Crossmolina, Castlebar and Westport. Shell may counter argue and be

correct in saying that this issue is not in its hands as this is an issue for Bórd Gas. However this is not the way to go. Shell should be asked to actively work with Bórd Gas to ensure that such services are provided to local towns.

3. Observation

The applicant has undertaken to set up the 'Corrib Community Fund'. This, in my opinion, is not specific enough. An Bord Pleanála, if it decides to grant permission for the development, should set strict specific conditions to Shell on what it should do for the local community. This could be in the form of a fixed amount of funds per year for the duration of the terminal's life, e.g. up to EUR 500,000 per annum to be invested in the Erris region on socially beneficial projects (sports, culture, projects for children and the elderly and families, local schools, community centres, etc.).

I would also propose the following 18 concrete, more specific suggestions:

1. A community centre for Aughoose village
2. New computer facilities for all national schools in Erris
3. A facility at the terminal to provide bottled gas to the local community around the terminal (i.e. Erris)
4. Two thirds of construction jobs to go to Erris inhabitants
5. Support for a football field for Pullathomas, Aughoose and others villages in Erris
6. At least one third of jobs in the terminal to go to Erris inhabitants
7. Sports facilities for Glenamoy GAA football pitch
8. Sports facilities for Bangor town
9. Set up a trust fund for local young people to finance 5 local young people to study university degrees and 5 local young people for apprenticeships
10. Provide apprenticeships to three local young people at the terminal every year in a suitable discipline
11. Help provide local sports courses in the areas (karate training courses in community centres, aerobics, tennis, squash, etc.)
12. Contribution to Belmullet Community Hospital for the provision of a day care centre for local elderly citizens and Alzheimer patients
13. Contribution to the Western Alzheimer's Association for a Respite Care Home with 20 beds for Erris for Alzheimer patients for the North Mayo Area
14. A contribution to the Tidy Town's Committee in Belmullet town in the form of lights, benches, trees, maps, etc
15. The setting up of a low interest loan facility through the local Belmullet credit union for people of the area to help them invest in their properties
16. A contribution to the region around where the recent landslides took place – Dooncarton, Glengad, Cornhill, Seanbhaile, Pullathomas (a fund to help repair the local graves, a tree planting scheme for the hills where the landslides occurred etc.)

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17. The setting up of a number of waste collection points throughout Erris for paper, glass, tin and organic waste and be responsible for its collection. This would be a good contribution to the environment.
18. Provision of training courses in personal development to local residents in Erris (motivation, leadership, conflict management, etc)

4. Observation

Re. Architects report for planning permission

There are not enough views of the terminal buildings presented in the report. What seems to be missing is the views of the tall buildings (stacks). A clearer view in this report would be required of what the total proposed development will look like. I would also like to see what the compressor buildings, storage tanks and methanol storage tanks would look like.

5. Observation

I do note that Mayo Co. Council has already in the past given this facility the green light by granting planning permission to the Ballinaboy Bridge proposal. I do urge the planning officials of An Bord Pleanála to put aside what was already decided and accepted by the Board of An Bord Pleanála and now treat this application as a totally new application. This is the policy that applicants of houses are told when re-applying for planning permission, changing plans or seeking retention (I was certainly told this when I re-applied for permission on my house and I was warned that certain elements such as a conservatory or dormer windows could be 'conditioned out' in any new application). I urge Mayo Co. Council to look at each element of this application on their merits and not sacrifice one element for the benefit of the project as a whole.

It should not be the sum of the whole context but the merits of each individual part of this application: Suitability of the location from an environmental, safety, economic and social point of view.

6. Observation and Conclusions

Shell in this application has not shown how it would be a partner to the local environment, the community in general and the residents of Erris. This application by Shell does not show enough how it will enhance the area. All developments, whether they are houses or factories or community centres or gas reception terminals, should not just from an optical point of view but also from an environmental and economic point of view enhance the environment around them. 'Not enhancing the local environment' is often a good reason why developments are turned down by the planning departments of local authorities. The contribution Shell makes to the local community in terms of social progress, economic activity and the general well-being of the local population must be high. As it currently stands the deal that Erris as a region is getting in return for allowing such a facility is very poor. I would argue that

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this is also the case for Co. Mayo as a whole. I appeal to An Bord Pleanála to put Erris' and Mayo's welfare at the top of the agenda in this application.

I am available to discuss these issues at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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Re.: Planning Application to Mayo County Council (P03/3343) – Appeal,
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Letter of Support: Submissions and Objections related to the Gas Terminal
Application by the Dooncarton Landslide Committee

A Chara

In my capacity as Chairman of the Dooncarton Landslide Committee, Dooncarton, Glengad, Pullathomas, Ballina, Co. Mayo, I would like to make a number of submissions, observations and objections on the recent decision by Mayo County Council to grant planning permission (Application P03/3343) to Shell E & P Ireland Ltd, for the development of a gas terminal for the reception and separation of gas including plant and equipment at Bellagely South, Ballinaboy Bridge and for a peat deposition site at Shrahmore and Attavally, Bangor Erris.

The proposed terminal and pipeline leading to it are in areas where there is increased landslide risks particularly since last September.

The application for the terminal before you is a second attempt by Shell E & P Ireland Ltd to be granted permission for this facility. We in the Committee note that Shell has not taken the recent disastrous landslides of 19 September into account in any way in this new application. The pipeline enters land in Glengad at the bottom of the hill where major landslides took place last September. Many areas of that same mountain are still classified as high risk.

We would like to stress that we in the committee are not objectors to gas entering Ireland as such. We are simply very concerned about the fact that the terminal and pipeline are being applied for in an area with high risk of landslides.

The pipeline coming ashore to feed to the proposed terminal is coming in in an area which is close to a landslide threatening environment, in Glengad, an area which is not protected with any barriers of any kind. We request An Bord Pleanala to support us in securing the mountain from further landslides by placing conditions on Shell E & P Ireland Ltd to provide protection on the hill and protect all the residents of Glengad and surrounding areas.

We are very concerned that work carried out at sea and around the base of the mountain will further upset the hill and be a contributory factor to any future landslide.

The Committee calls on An Bord Pleanála to condition Shell E & P Ireland Ltd to take the gas ashore by some other route and therefore avoid Dooncarton Hill and other surrounding areas which were affected by landslides last September.

The Committee notes that Shell has made next to no offers of support to the areas affected by the landslides. We are dismayed that such a huge organisation with the resources available to it has not signalled anything to us in any form even though it is taking a sizeable advantage of the local environment with its pipelines and the terminal, an environment that is now very prone to landslides. We call on An Bord Pleanála to take note of this and appreciate that the local residents are extremely concerned about further work taking place in the area immediately surrounding the landslide areas.

On behalf of the Dooncarton Landslide Committee

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Gerard Mc Donnell
Chairman

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**Mr Gerard McDonnell
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I wish to acknowledge receipt of submission received from you on 26/01/2004 in connection with planning application by **SHELL E & P IRELAND LIMITED** for **CONSTRUCT GAS TERMINAL FOR THE RECEPTION AND SERAPATION OF GAS FROM THE CORRIB GAS FIELD, AND FOR A PEAT DEPOSITION SITE, RESPECTIVELY. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL CONSIST OF THE CONCURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF TWO SITES LOCATED 11 KILOMETRES APART, APPROXIMATELY, AND IDENTIFIED AS THE SITE OF THE GAS TERMINAL FOR THE RECEPTION AND SEPARATION OF GAS FROM THE CORRIB GAS FIELD IN THE TOWNLAND OF BELLAGELLY SOUTH AND THE SITE OF THE PEAT DEPOSITION SITE IN THE TOWNLANDS OF SRAHMORE AND ATTAVALLY, BANGOR ERRIS. THE DEVELOPMENT AT THE BELLAGELLY SOUTH SITE WILL CONSIST OF: A GAS TERMINAL FOR THE RECEPTION AND SEPARATION OF GAS INCLUDING PLANT AND EQUIPMENT; PROVISION OF 4,935 SQ M (GROSS FLOOR AREA), APPROXIMATELY, OF BUILDINGS; ACCESS ROADS; 40 NO. CAR PARKING SPACES; AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENTS, OF WHICH 13 HA, APPROX, WILL BE DEVELOPED INRESPECT OF THE GAS TERMINAL'S FOOTPRINT. THE PROPOSED DEV. WILL OF THE BELLAGELLY SOUTH SITE WILL ALSO CONSIST OF; THE EXCAVATION AND REMOVAL OF 450,000 CUBIC M at BELLAGELLY SOUTH SRAHMORE ATTAVALLY.**

The matters referred to by you will be taken into consideration by the Council before a decision is made on the application. Notice of the Council's decision on the

application will be given in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001. This may be in the form of:

- (a) posting the notice directly to you; or
- (b) publishing the notice in a newspaper circulating in the area where the proposed development is situated.

I enclose herewith Receipt. **Please note that in the event of an appeal being lodged by you, An Bord Pleanála will require a copy of this letter of acknowledgement.**

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