

Limerick City and County

Notice of Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval

The proposed works at Ballinloughane Bridge, Athea, Co Limerick comprise of a reinforced concrete and steel beam slab (jack-arch) supported on mass concrete abutment walls. The proposed works involves the removal of the bridge deck and its replacement with a precast concrete bridge beam and in-situ concrete deck construction. The abutments will be retained in position and used to support new concrete bench seating's for the bridge beams.

Pursuant to section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Limerick City and County Council proposes to make an application for approval to an Bord Pleanála for the following development: **Ballinloughane Bridge, Athea, Co Limerick**

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

The Board may, in relation to an application for approval under section 177AE, of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

The bridge is located on a third order stream; one of the two headwater streams which make up the Galey River, both known as the Galey River. The bridge site is surrounded by commercial non-native forestry plantations, scrub, wet grassland and improved agricultural grassland and bog habitats in the upper reaches of the catchment.

The Plans and Particulars and NIS will be available for inspection free of charge, or may be purchased on payment of a small fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during normal office 9.00 -3.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays), except where stated otherwise, during the period from 5th of October to 17th of November 2023, at the following locations;

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- By appointment at Limerick City and County Council Dooradoyle Rd, Dooradoyle, Limerick
Appointments must be arranged in advance by emailing Matthew Clark matthew.clark@limerick.ie or by contacting 061-556000
- The Natura Impact Statement, will also be available for viewing online at: <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/browse?page=1> from 5th of October to 17th of November 2023.
Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made in writing to the An Bord Pleanála in relation to
 - i. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development;
 - ii. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development; and
 - iii. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, If carried out.
Submissions or observations should be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, not later than on or before 5.00pm on 17th of November 2023

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