

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála. In accordance with Section 177AE(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, Galway County Council are seeking approval from An Bord Pleanála for the proposed development of a public realm scheme in Clifden, Co. Galway.

The proposed works include:

- i. Alterations works to the Clifden Town Centre area on Seaview Road, Main Street, Market Street, Market Hill, Bridgewell Lane, Bridge Street, and Hulk Street comprising:
 - a. The reconfiguration and resurfacing of roads and realignment of parking spaces including removal of 58 no. On-street parking spaces leaving a total of 155 no. on street parking spaces,
 - b. The widening and realignment of existing footpath areas, including the provision of new soft and hard landscaping,
 - c. The installation of new and upgraded public lighting throughout the town,
 - d. Relocation of The Beacon Statue,
 - e. Installation of new public art,
- ii. Alterations to and resurfacing of Beach Road Quay public realm comprising:
 - a. The provision of pedestrian and seating areas on the quay side of Beach Road quay, including the installation of 6 no. seating areas, and ancillary paving and landscaping,
 - b. Remedial works to the quay wall (NIAH reg no. 30325017), including the resetting of dislodged stones, the removal of vegetation, and remedial masonry works,
 - c. The replacement of existing railings along the quay wall,
 - d. The installation of public lighting along the roadside,
- iii. Redevelopment of the Harbour Park area south of Beach Road and to the west of Clifden town centre.
 - a. The demolition of the existing playground on site, and the construction of a new park including multi-age playground areas, including the provision of:
 - i. Cycle Parking,
 - ii. Timber Play Furniture,
 - iii. Picnic benches and seating areas,
 - iv. An Amphitheatre Performance Spaces,
 - v. Climbing Wall
 - vi. Pump track,
 - vii. Running Track,
 - viii. Car Park,
 - ix. Sports pitch,
 - b. Resurfacing, paving and hard & soft landscaping of the park area,
- iv. All other associated and ancillary works

This application is supported by Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report has been undertaken in respect of the proposed development and concluded that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval for the development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

Plans, particulars and the Natura Impact Statement of the proposed development will be available for inspection or for purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, for a period of 6 weeks from **25th October 2024 to 6th December 2024** at the following locations:

- The offices of the Planning Department of Galway County Council (Public Counter), Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway during its public open hours and
- Galway County Council Offices, Clifden Area Office, Market St, Co. Galway, H71 Y892
- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St Dublin 1, D01V902, between the hours of 9.15 am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).
- Galway County Councils Consultation Portal at <https://consult.galway.ie/>

An electronic copy of the Natura Impact Statement and the plans and particulars of the proposed development are available for free download on the consultation portal at

<https://consult.galway.ie/> from **25th October 2024 to 6th December 2024**

Submissions or observations may be made in writing during such period to **The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902** relating to the following:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- The likely effects on the Environment of the proposed development, and
- The likely significant effects of the proposed development on European Site if carried out.

A person may question the validity of a decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. no 15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the planning and development act 2000 (as amended). Practical Information in respect of the judicial review process can be assessed on the Boards website www.pleanala.ie or on Citizens Information's Website www.citizensinformation.ie

The deadline for receipt of submissions or observations to An Bord Pleanála is **6th December 2024 at 5.30pm.**

Signed:



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