



Date	Opening - Tuesday 7 November 2017
Start Time	10 AM
Location	Ambassador Hotel, Military Hill, St. Luke's, Cork

- 1.1 The purpose of the oral hearing is to provide an opportunity for all participants, who wish to do so, to make further submissions beyond their written submissions/objections, and to allow the inspector to seek clarification on any relevant issues arising and submissions made. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification on submissions made at the hearing.
- 1.2 The following should be noted:
- There is no obligation on any participant to make a submission to the oral hearing or to ask questions of the other participants. All written submissions already received will be considered by the inspector and the Board. For this reason, submissions previously made in writing should not be reiterated at the oral hearing.
 - If you intend to provide written copies of your presentations these can only be accepted if there are copies available for all the participants at the hearing. Three copies of any written documentation should also be submitted for the Board file.
 - The agenda and order of appearance for the oral hearing is set out below, along with a timetable. Participants should please note that this timetable is indicative only, and may vary as a result of responses received to this correspondence and/or during the course of the oral hearing.

- The hearing will be run on a modular basis, details of which are set out below.
- You are reminded that the board has no role or jurisdiction in the determination or assessment of compensation and that any submission made to this hearing should bear this in mind as no discussion regarding compensation will be facilitated.
- On completion of the oral hearing, the inspector will prepare a report and recommendation on the case for the Board. The decision to grant or refuse approval and to confirm or annul the CPO will be made by the Board.

1.3 In its submission to the hearing, the applicant is requested to address the following issues:

- **Strategic Route Corridor Selection Process** :- provide a robust justification for the choice of corridor including a comprehensive analysis of the alternatives considered, with supporting evidence, which culminated in the final choice of the preferred route corridor. In particular, justification for the routing of the on-line section through a significant residential area whereby, notwithstanding the proposed improvements, the basic operation of the interchange will remain unchanged and the predicted congestion will increase in the design year.
- **Route Corridor Assessment** :- Provide a deeper analysis of the route corridor assessment process, with particular reference to the following matters:
 - The vertical alignment of the proposed M28, together with the constraints imposed which influenced the design.
 - Design of Northbound N40 diverge (Rochestown Road to Bloomfield).
 - Rationale for the route through Raffeen Quarry, including justification for/adequacy of the area of land take, evidence of formalised arrangements with the landowner of quarry and the vertical alignment through the quarry.
 - Justification for the need for the proposed Shanbally interchange, which should include a rationale for the design and vertical alignment of the proposed junction and the inclusion of the IDA road.

- Route from Barnahely to Ringaskiddy Port – justification for the corridor selected including the rationale for the single carriageway east of Barnahely, the design of Loughbeg Roundabout and the horizontal and vertical alignment of the route through Ringaskiddy Village.

This analysis should include a detailed assessment of the alternative route options considered including the rationale for the design, layout (including land take) and the horizontal and vertical alignments of the proposed road scheme.

- **Traffic Modelling** :- Provide raw data for traffic surveys and for N40 Demand Management Study, (e.g. traffic survey data collected, tables of values for traffic flows etc.). The methodology used should also be clarified, such as how the traffic flows were predicted and the assumptions upon which these were based. An explanation should be provided for the mechanisms used to distribute traffic on the local road network.
- **Noise** :- Confirm that TII guidance contained in the Guidelines for the Treatment of Noise and Vibration in National Road Schemes (2004) and in Good Practice Guidance for the Treatment of noise during the Planning of National Road Schemes (2014) has been taken into account in the route corridor selection process. Where the current design goal for all National Road Schemes of a day-evening-night sound level of 60dB Lden will not be met, expand upon the engineering solutions that have been explored as mitigation and the reasons why it is not practicable to achieve this design goal. Justification for the choice/design of individual barriers may also be requested.
- **Ecology** :- Address the matters raised in the submission from the NPWS to the board dated 23rd June 2017 in respect of Nature Conservation, with particular reference to the following
 - Peregrine Falcon (Raffeen quarry) – alternative arrangements for nesting
 - Pennyroyal mint – confirmation of native status, evidence of licence under Section 21 of the Wildlife Act and evidence of suitability of receiving site for long term survival of translocated species.
 - Information on blasting and piling in terms of the potential effects of the timing of such operations on wintering waterfowl receptors in Cork Harbour SPA.

- Proposed mitigation measures to reduce barn owl collision mortality on dual carriageway section of road.
- Proposals for winter monitoring of the use of grasslands by curlew during and after construction.

1.4 The oral hearing will comprise:

1. A brief summary of the proposed development by the applicant. This should last approx. 10-15 minutes.
2. Seven main modules to deal with the following specific issues:
 - Module 1 Strategic/policy Issues- Justification for proposed road development including need for development, alternative corridors considered, sustainable transport.
 - Module 2 Transport Issues– Traffic Modelling, Junction Strategy and Design, Cross Section proposed, Non-Motorway Users
 - Module 3 Noise Impact
 - Module 4 Ecology
 - Module 5 Air and Climate
 - Module 6 Landscape, Visual Impact and Cultural Heritage
 - Module 7 Land Acquisition/CPO
 - Module 8 Other matters
3. Submissions in relation to each module will be heard in the following order:
 - Applicant
 - Prescribed bodies
 - Observers/Objectors to CPO
 - Questioning between the parties

1.5 PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING WHERE APPLICABLE:

1.5.1 Note to Applicant

You are requested to respond to the Board by 5.30pm Wednesday 1st November in writing or by email to k.somers@pleanala.ie indicating:

1. The witnesses you intend to present submissions to the hearing.
2. The likely duration of each submission

You are specifically requested not to repeat submissions already received by the Board.

1.5.2 Note to Prescribed Bodies

You are requested to respond to the Board by 5.30pm Wednesday 1st November in writing or by email to k.somers@pleanala.ie indicating:

1. If you intend making a submission at the hearing and if so who will be making submissions.

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1.5.3 Note to Observers & Objectors to CPO

You are requested to respond to the Board by 5.30pm Wednesday 1st November in writing or by email to k.somers@pleanala.ie indicating:

1. If you intend making a submission at the hearing and how long the submission might take;
2. If you propose to have a specialist or other person make a submission on your behalf and if this is the case the name of the person/s.

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AGENDA

DAY 1	
Tuesday 7 November 2017	
Time	Topic
10:00	Opening of oral hearing by Inspector
	Applicant: Summary of proposed development (max. 10-15 minutes)
	Module 1 Strategic/Policy Issues
13:00 – 14:00	Break
14:00	Module 1 Strategic/ Policy Issues (cont.)
DAY 2	
Wednesday 8 November 2017	
10:00	Module 2 Transport Issues
13:00 – 14:00	Break
14:00	Module 2 Transport Issues (cont.)
DAY 3	
Thursday 9 November 2017	
10:00	Module 2 Transport Issues (cont.)
13:00 – 14:00	Break
14:00	Module 3 Noise
DAY 4	
Friday 10 November 2017	
10:00	Module 4 Ecology
	Module 5 Air and Climate
13:00 – 14:00	Break

14.00	Module 6 Air and Climate
	Module 7 Landscape Visual Impact and Cultural Heritage
	Module 8 Other Matters
The Oral hearing will only convene on Monday 13 November if necessary to deal with overruns from the previous week	
DAY 5 Tuesday 14 November 2017	
10.00	Module 9 Land Acquisition and CPO
13:00 – 14:00	Break
14.00	Module 9 Land Acquisition and CPO (cont.)
	Closing submissions (in the following order) 10 mins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectors to CPO • Observers • Prescribed bodies • Applicant
	Closing of Hearing by Inspector