

## Oral Hearing Agenda ABP-320505-24

Date	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Start Time	10.00am
Location	Virtually via Microsoft Teams

The purpose of the oral hearing is to provide an opportunity for all parties, who wish to do so, to make further submissions beyond their written objections, and to allow the inspector to seek clarification on any relevant issues arising and objections made. Parties will also have the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification on submissions made at the hearing.

There is no obligation on any party to make a submission to the oral hearing or to ask questions of the other parties. 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.

You are reminded that the Board has no role or jurisdiction in the determination or the 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 confirm or annul the CPO will be made by the Board.

The Board may direct the payment of a contribution towards the costs to any person appearing at an oral hearing, which have been incurred by that person, as a consequence of appearing at the hearing. Any payment will be at the Board's

discretion. Any application for costs should be made in writing to the Board within three weeks of the date of this hearing.

If you intend to provide written copies of your submission these can only be accepted if there are copies available for all the parties at the hearing. Two 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. Parties should please note that this timetable is indicative only, and may vary during the course of the oral hearing.

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8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
Time	Topic
10.00am	Opening of oral hearing by Inspector
10.15am:	Submission by Waterford City and County Council:
	i. Brief overview of CPO
	ii. Justification for land acquisition with reference to alternatives considered.
	iii. Response to written submission made by Objector
	(30 Minutes)
10.45am:	Submission by objector, elaborating on written submission:
	Twig Bog Ltd, c/o Whelan Solicitors LLP.
	Followed directly by response from Waterford City and
	County Council.
	(30 Minutes)
11.15am	Break (15 Mins)
11.30am	Questioning between parties as follows:
	i. Objector to Waterford City and County Council.
	ii. Waterford City and County Council to Objector
	iii. Inspector to Waterford City and County Council and/or
	Objector
	(45 Minutes)
12.15am	Closing Comments (if required):
	i. Objector
	ii. Waterford City and County Council

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	iii. Closing of Oral Hearing by Inspector

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