

Provision of information to members of the Oireachtas by An Bord Pleanála
Quarter 4 2024: 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024

Query Number: OIR24/020

Date Received: 24th of October 2024

Query Subject: Planning

Deputy/Senator: Carol Nolan TD

Acknowledged: 24th of October 2024

Substantive Reply Issued: 14th of November 2024

Language: English

Query:

I understand that An Bord Pleanála has confirmed that it will not contest a High Court challenge to its planning approval for the Banagher Chilling meat processing plant in Banagher, Co. Offaly despite the board initially approving Offaly County Council's granting of permission for the development in June 2022.

I am asking for an urgent update on this matter as an elected representative for the area and for Offaly.

The decision by ABP has generated considerable local frustration and indeed anger.

Substantive Reply:

I refer to your query in respect of a decision of An Bord Pleanála dated 3rd June, 2022 to grant permission subject to conditions for a proposed extension to an existing abattoir in Banagher, County Offaly (case 308064/20). This decision was the subject of a judicial review application to the High Court.

While An Bord Pleanála did inform the Court that it was not intending to defend the proceedings it is understood that the notice party applicant for permission advised that it intended to defend the proceedings.

Having regard to these on-going legal processes An Bord Pleanála is not in position to advise or comment further at this point in time.

Query Number: OIR24/021

Date Received: 21st of October 2024

Query Subject: Planning

Deputy/Senator: Niall Collins TD

Acknowledged: N/A

Substantive Reply Issued: 25th of October 2024

Language: English

Query:

I am writing to request a list of energy SID cases currently awaiting decision. Specifically, I would like the following details for each case:

- Applicant
- Description
- ABP Case Number
- Date Application Submitted
- Classification; Pre-Application Consultation Request / Applications / Alteration / Amendment Requests

This information is crucial for understanding the current workload and timelines associated with energy strategic infrastructural developments, and I appreciate your assistance in providing it.

Substantive Reply:

As requested, I attach a List of the Current Energy SIDs cases to date. In addition, attached is an explanatory presentation on current Energy Projects.

[Copy of Current Energy SIDS Cases - 25-Oct-24](#)

[Energy Projects](#)

Given the complexity of SID cases, we are using the 48 week strategic objective period suggested in the new Planning and Development Act (Not commenced).

A SID pre-application consultation case cannot be closed off until application to close off comes from a prospective applicant. We can generally determine a pre-application consultation case in 4 to 8 weeks after request for closure.

Query Number: OIR24/022

Date Received: 6th of November 2024

Query Subject: Planning

Deputy/Senator: Mairead Farrell TD

Acknowledged: 6th of November 2024

Substantive Reply Issued: 14th of November 2024

Language: English

Query:

I was hoping you could provide me with following information:

- The total number of planning applications related to Galway that are currently waiting on a decision from An Board Pleanála
- A breakdown of those waiting more than 6 month, more than 12 months and more than 2 years.

Substantive Reply:

See below a breakdown of planning applications in the Galway City and County areas that are currently with An Bord Pleanála for consideration and decision broken down into time on hands with An Bord Pleanála. This comprises a total of 104 cases across a range of case types (primarily planning appeal cases).

Between 0-6months	>6 months<12 months	>12 months<24 Months	>24 months
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Query Number: OIR24/023

Date Received: 20th of December 2024

Query Subject: Planning

Deputy/Senator: Catherine Ardagh TD

Acknowledged: 20th of December 2024

Substantive Reply Issued: 24th of December 2024

Language: English

Query:

I have been contacted by the residents of Stannaway Road, Dublin 12 in relation to a letter that was issued to them by An Bord Pleanála. Please find attached.

[OIR 24 023 - Catherine Ardagh - Kimmage-Busconnects-Stannaway-Residents](#)

Due to a serious issue with the post in Dublin 12, many of the residents either did not receive the letter or have received it very late.

Due to this postal issue, I would like to request that the letter is reissued to the residents of Stannaway Road and the deadline for response is extended to give them a fair chance to respond.

Please find below an email chain between a representative for the residents of Stannaway Road and An Bord Pleanála for further information.

Substantive Reply:

As indicated in the email chain, An Bord Pleanála emailed the letter to Stanaway Road Residents, upon request, on Monday 16th December.

A response has subsequently been received from Stanaway Road Residents, on Friday 20th December, within the specified timeframe for response.