



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Oral Hearing Agenda and Order of Proceedings ABP-313306-22

Date	Wednesday 29 th of October 2025 and Thursday 30 th of October 2025 (if necessary)
Start Time	10am
Location	Video Conference Call

The purpose of this limited agenda oral hearing is to provide an opportunity for all participants, who wish to do so, to make further submissions beyond their written submissions, 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.

The following should be noted:

- There is no obligation on any participant to make a submission to the limited agenda oral hearing or to ask questions of the other participants. All written submissions already received will be considered by the inspector and the Commission. 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. Two copies of any written documentation should also be submitted for the Commission 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 during the course of the oral hearing.

- On completion of the limited agenda oral hearing, the inspector will prepare a report and recommendation on the case for the Commission. The decision to grant or refuse permission will be made by the Commission.

Agenda

In its submission to the limited agenda oral hearing the applicant is requested to only address the following specific issues:

1. Given the expiration of the Newbridge Local Area Plan (2013-2019 – Extended to 2021), clarity as to the current zoning status of the subject site.
2. The relevant provisions of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029, with particular regards to the ‘Core Strategy’ and Table 2.8 which indicates a Housing Target for 2023-2029 of 1,601 units for Newbridge and the number of dwellings already approved within this timeframe (i.e. what is the remaining capacity?).

Order of Proceedings

Wednesday 29th of October 2025	
Time	Topic
10.00	• Opening of the limited agenda oral hearing
	• Applicant ○ Summary of the proposed development (ten minutes max.) ○ Response to the issues raised on the limited agenda
11.15-11.30	Break
11.30	• Planning Authority – Points to raise on limited agenda matters
	• Observers – Points to raise on limited agenda matters
13.00-14.00	Break
14.00	• Questioning between the parties
	• Closing comments in the following order: ○ Observers

	○ Planning Authority ○ Applicant
	• Closing of the limited agenda oral hearing

Please note that this limited agenda oral hearing will be extended to Thursday 30th of October 2025 if necessary.

Parties to the application are reminded that the hearing is designed to allow further necessary elaboration, discussion, and examination of relevant issues pertaining to the matters outlined in the limited agenda and discussion on any other issues outside of the agenda will not be permitted. Submissions should be concise, dealing **only** with the relevant matters as outlined above. Where maps/diagrams/images are referenced in submissions, these should be available for display and should be of a scale that ensures they are legible to all at the Hearing.

Following the completion of a submission by a given party on the particular matters as outlined in the agenda, the Inspector may facilitate relevant questions and cross-questioning.

The Inspector may at his discretion lead a discussion on other matters directly related to agenda matters, such as appropriateness of conditions to deal with matters arising, should the Commission be minded to grant planning permission for the proposed development.

The Inspector may at his discretion invite closing statements. If required, they will be invited in the following order. The parties shall note that no legal arguments, new material, or issues other than those pertaining to the limited agenda may be produced or referred to at this point and should be confined to 5 minutes.

1. Observers
2. Planning Authority
3. Applicant

NOTE: Participants are requested to make available sufficient copies of any written documentation submitted at the hearing to each party (minimum 2 copies to each party and 3 copies to the Commission).

Please also note that a digital recording will be made of the evidence given at the hearing.

Paul O'Brien

Inspectorate

5th of September 2025