

Provision of information to members of the Oireachtas by An Bord Pleanála

Quarter 1 2021: 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021

Query Number	Date Received	Acknowledged	Deputy / Senator	Query Subject	Query	Substantive Reply Issued	Substantive Reply	Language	Quarter	Year
OIR/21/001	08/01/2021	13/01/2021	Councillor Paul Mulville	Decided Case	Query on case decision for ABP-304645-19 [CPO application for Greenway between Malahide Demesne and Newbridge Demesne to be known as 'Broadmeadow Way' at Malahide Demesne, Kilcrea, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Fingal, County Dublin].	18/01/2021	Invalid - Not member of the Oireachtas.	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/002	13/01/2021	15/01/2021	Deputy Neasa Hourigan TD	Housing	Request seeking extension of the deadline for submissions from the 19 January 2021 for case ABP-307475-20 [Current application case number ABP-308841-20: Hendrons' Building and wider site, 36-40 Dominick Street Upper, Broadstone, Dublin 7].	21/01/2021	The Board has no statutory power to alter the timeline for the making of submissions in these or other planning cases and therefore no extension of time beyond the original deadline is possible.	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/003	20/01/2021	21/01/2021	Senator Victor Boyhan	Administration	Clarification of An Bord Pleanála's opening hours.	21/01/2021	An Bord Pleanála is maintaining its normal office hours of 9.15am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Your query also refers to difficulties contacting An Bord Pleanála via telephone. In response, there have been some limited operational issues involving our telephone switchboard. We have identified the issue and are implementing measures to avoid a similar situation re-occurring. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.	EN	Q1	2021
TD/21/001	28/01/2021	01/02/2021	Deputy Colm Burke TD	SID/LAP Case (Live)	Request for time extension for the receipt of submissions on case ABP-308885-20.	05/02/2021	An Bord Pleanála has no power to set or extend the period for the making of submissions and that these matters are governed by particular statutory provisions (section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended).	EN	Q1	2021

							These statutory provisions provide minimum periods for the making of submissions for such strategic infrastructure cases which is not less than six weeks from when the application is made available for inspection. In this case the application was lodged on 11 December 2020.			
OIR/21/004	28/01/2021	01/02/2021	Deputy Michael Ring TD	Appeal Case (Live)	Request for case status update for an appeal in Co. Mayo [Details supplied – An Bord Pleanála Case Reference ABP-308909-20 Demolition of dwelling, sheds and construction of new dwelling at Milebush, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Mayo County Council Reference Number P20/444].	05/02/2021	In response to your query An Bord Pleanála received an appeal on this case on 15 December 2020. The current status of the case is that it is now with an inspector for inspection and report. The case is due to be decided on or before 28 April 2021. I will request the case officer to notify you when a decision is made on this case.	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/005	04/02/2021	05/02/2021	Deputy Holly Cairns TD	Staffing Levels / HR	Details on absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by your organisation/company as of the 1st February 2021	26/02/2021	<p>The most recent data (March 2020) available to An Bord Pleanála indicated that 17 employees defined themselves as having a disability under the definition of the Disability Act 2005, which equated to 9.39% of our overall staffing at the time of the survey in March 2020. This was based on a total staff of 181.</p> <p>The Statutory Report on the Employment of People with Disabilities in the Public Sector under Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005 has been the primary metric we use to record this data. The 2020 survey was completed by 112 employees out of a total of 181. Staff are not obliged to declare a disability nor to complete the survey but we do offer accommodation and accessibility for all staff.</p> <p>The survey for this year's return will be issued to employees in March 2021. If the Deputy would like more recent data, An Bord Pleanála will be happy to provide this to the Deputy on the completion of the this survey.</p>	EN	Q1	2021

OIR/21/006	11/02/2021	15/02/2021	Minister Simon Harris TD	Appeal Case (Live)	Request for case status update for an appeal in Co. Wicklow [Details supplied - An Bord Pleanála Case Reference ABP-308754-20 Temporary Adult Day Care facilities, new access road, tempoary wastewater plant, car park and associated site works at Lands attached to the Holy Faith Convent, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow. Wicklow County Council Reference Number 20537]	23/02/2021	In response to your query, this case is currently with an inspector for inspection and report. It is expected that the inspector's report and recommendation will be completed in the next few weeks and will be then forwarded to the Board for decision. The current decide by date for this case is 7 April 2021.	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/007	12/02/2021	15/02/2021	Minister Stephen Donnelly TD	Appeal Case (Live)	Request for case status update for an appeal in Co. Wicklow [Details supplied - An Bord Pleanála Case Reference ABP-308754-20 Temporary Adult Day Care facilities, new access road, tempoary wastewater plant, car park and associated site works at Lands attached to the Holy Faith Convent , Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow. Wicklow County Council Reference Number 20537]	23/02/2021	In response to your query, this case is currently with an inspector for inspection and report. It is expected that the inspector's report and recommendation will be completed in the next few weeks and will be then forwarded to the Board for decision. The current decide by date for this case is 7 April 2021.	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/008	17/02/2021	17/02/2021	Minister Simon Harris TD	Housing	A soft copy of the ABP decision this week in respect of the Delgany SHD (case no: 308467)	17/02/2021	Please find attached a copy of the signed Board Order ABP-308467	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/009	18/02/2021	23/02/2021	Deputy Sean Haughey TD	Housing	Request for case status update for a case in Dublin City [Details supplied - An Bord Pleanála Case Reference Number ABP-307953-20 129 no. Build to Rent apartments and associated site works at	26/02/2021	An opinion issued to the prospective applicant and the planning authority in relation to this mandatory proposed strategic housing development pre-application consultation process on 4 December 2020. The opinion of An Bord Pleanála was that the documents submitted by the prospective applicant	EN	Q1	2021

					Redcourt, Seafield Road East, Clontarf, Dublin 3]		require further consideration / amendment. An Bord Pleanála has not received any strategic housing development application following the conclusion of this pre-application consultation process. In the event that An Bord Pleanála receives a valid application the Board can accept submissions by the public. If you wish to view or purchase a copy of any document on the pre-application consultation file, you can make a request through publicaccess@pleanala.ie . Further details are available in our viewing a decided case file: public access service guide			
OIR/21/010	19/02/2021	23/02/2021	Deputy Neasa Hourigan TD	Housing	Details on a pre-application consultation case in Dublin City [Details supplied - An Bord Pleanála Case Reference ABP-307400-20 Strategic Housing Development - Consultation 207 no. Build to Rent apartments and associated site works at Cross Guns Bridge, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.]	26/02/2021	The pre-application consultation case number is 307400 which was the consultation held between the Board, the local planning authority (Dublin City Council) and the prospective applicant. The outcome of that process was an opinion that the documents submitted constituted a reasonable basis for an application. The opinion was signed and issued on 30 September 2020. An application was submitted to An Bord Pleanála on 2 February 2021 and the pre-application consultation documentation will be uploaded to our website shortly. If you wish you can request any of the pre-application documents by emailing publicaccess@pleanala.ie as that process is now a decided case. Further details are available in our viewing a decided case file: public access service guide Details of the subsequent strategic housing development application can be found on the application website www.crossgunsshhd.ie	EN	Q1	2021

OIR/21/011	22/02/2021	24/02/2021	Deputy Eoin Ó Broin TD	Appeal Case (Live)	<p>Update on the Dublin City Council proposed material alteration to building heights in the Docklands SDZ.</p> <p>Can you confirm when this application was made to the Board, provide a summary of the material alteration, outline why it is taking so long to make a decision on this matter and indicate when a decision will be made.</p>	25/02/2021	The application for Docklands SDZ was received by An Bord Pleanála on the 31 May 2019. This case is currently at Board level and consideration of the case is at an advanced stage. It is anticipated that a decision will be taken this week March 15th 2021.	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/012	22/02/2021	24/02/2021	Minister Simon Harris TD	Decided Case; Housing	<p>Guidance on where I can view the submissions made in respect of the following SHD {Details provided: https://www.delganyshd.ie</p> <p>Specifically, where can I view the submission by the Wicklow County CEO regarding this planning application to ABP?</p>	25/02/2021	The submissions are in hard copy format only. They can be viewed in the offices of the planning authority or the Board. As this is a decided case you may wish to contact our public access service at publicaccess@pleanala.ie if you wish to view or get copies of them. Further details are available in our viewing a decided case file: public access service guide .	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/013	26/02/2021	02/03/2021	Minister Simon Harris TD	Strategic Housing Unit	<p>Query on a case in Co. Wicklow [Details provided – An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-308945-20. Consultation on proposed 607 no. residential units (405 no. houses, 202 no. apartments) with a creche and all associated site works at lands at Coolagad, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.]</p> <p>Has a new SHD application been received by An Bord Pleanála in respect of the Coolagad</p>	10/03/2021	<p>This case is a pre-application consultation request, and therefore, there is no formal planning application made in respect of any such proposed development. The pre-application consultation process was received on 16 December 2020 and concluded on 2 March 2021. The outcome of this pre-application process was that the pre-application requires further consideration and amendment.</p> <p>The pre-application consultation process is governed by section 6 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 and if, following the conclusion of that process, an SHD planning application is made there will be a 5 week submission period</p>	EN	Q1	2021

					lands in Greystones Co Wicklow.		for any member of the public to comment on the application documents submitted. Any such application has to be publicly notified and the application documentation has to be made available to the public however, to date, no such application has been received. Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me at n.doherty@pleanala.ie			
OIR/21/014	04/03/2021	05/03/2021	Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan TD	Appeal Case (Live)	Case status update request for a case in Co. Cork [Details supplied - ABP-306845-20: Construction of waste transfer and facilities at Courtstown Industrial Estate, Courtstown, Little Island, Co Cork. (Cork County Council Register Reference Number: 187200)]	26/03/2021	At Board level for decision, which will be made in the next few weeks.	EN	Q1	2021
OIR/21/015	23/03/2021	25/03/2021	Deputy Lisa O'Reilly	Staffing Levels / HR	The number of students who undertook work experience or internships with State and semi-State agencies under his aegis in 2019; the cost in terms of wages and allowances; and the estimated numerical capacity of State and semi-State agencies to provide work experience and internships on an annual basis.	09/04/2021	The number of students who undertook work experience or internships with An Bord Pleanála in 2019 was 12 The cost in terms of wages and allowances was €59,340.75 and, The estimated numerical capacity of ABP to provided provide work experience and internships on an annual basis is: Pre-Covid we had two primary internship programs – A Student Planning Internship with the 3 main planning schools (UCD, UCC and DIT). This is continuing in 2021 following a break. We offer internships for leaving cert students in local schools to gain paid work experience for 6 weeks over the Summer for 3 students. We expect to re-establish this following a break last year with Covid. Total Capacity = 6 people. We currently run a year-round work experience for transition year students offering a week-long program	EN	Q1	2021

							across a range of areas with the Board. We have kept this running on a remote basis through Covid. Total Capacity = 4-10 people. We are in the process of arranging a work placement with the Irish Wheelchair Association and are looking at the possibility of student placements with Irish Language Schools. Total Capacity = 2-3 people.			
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