

An Bord Pleanála
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17 January 2025

By email to n.thornton@pleanala.ie

**Re: ABP Case Number 321474-24
Addendum Notice by Clare County Council to extend the public consultation period of an Application made to An Bord Pleanála on 12 December 2024 (An Bord Pleanála Case Number 321474-24) for Approval under Sections 175(3) and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).**

Dear Niamh,

Acting on your instruction Clare County Council has published addendum notices for the above project in the Clare Echo on 16 January 2025 and in the Clare Champion on 17 January 2025. Clare County Council have also erected new site notices at the same locations as the original notices and notified all of the prescribed bodies of the subsequent revised public consultation period to 28th February 2025.

Attached to this letter are copies of the site and newspaper notices and letters to the prescribed bodies. These are also available on the Councils website <https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/holy-island-application>.

As discussed, please note that there is a minor discrepancy in the newspaper notices regarding the final day for inspection of the application which is stated as Tuesday 28 February 2025 instead of Friday 28 February 2025. As confirmed by An Bord Pleanála, the discrepancy is not a validation matter as the requirement is to state the date and this is accurately referenced. We wish to confirm, that all application documents will be made available for inspection until Friday 28 February 2025.

We trust that all is in order and look forward to a positive decision in due course. Should you have queries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



Martina Keenan Rivero

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He's coming up on the radar' - Dooley set for shootout for Ministry

by Páraic McMahon
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CLARE versus Limerick has turned into one of the keenest hurling rivalries over the past three seasons but now the counties are set for a shootout on the political field.

The Clare Echo understands that Clare TD Timmy Dooley (FF) is up against his good friend Niall Collins (FF)

for one of the final positions in Cabinet.

Since the beginning of December, The Clare Echo has reported that Mountshannon native Dooley has been in the frame for a Ministry following his poll-topping performance in the General Election. He recorded the second highest vote of all Fianna Fáil TDs nationally.

There was surprise at Christmas time when predictions and pre-

views from Ivan Yates on the 'Path to Power' podcast and Fionnan Sheahan in The Irish Independent completely omitted Dooley from the shake-up of potential Ministers in the new Government.

Most likely portfolios for Dooley include Climate, Energy and Communications given his work in bringing the 'Powering the Future: Liberal Energy Forum' to Ennis in February, a

role which would offer huge hope for offshore energy plans in Money-point. Transport is another potential Department for the Tulla man.

On Wednesday evening, Fianna Fáil held a parliamentary party meeting to try agree a Programme for Government. If the programme is cleared by the parliamentary

party, Fianna Fáil plans to hold an árd this weekend to hold a vote on entering into government among their members.

An internal list circulating this week among senior figures in Fianna

Fáil details that Dooley will be promoted to a Cabinet position along with Mayo TD, Dara Calleary (FF), Kildare TD James Lawless (FF) and Waterford TD Mary Butler (FF). Outgoing Ministers Jack Chambers, Darragh O'Brien and Norma Foley are on course to be re-appointed to different roles with Agriculture Minister Charlie McCauley to be dropped.

Deputy Collins has been a Junior Minister for Skills and Further Education since July 2020. Geography means it may be a toss-up between Collins and Dooley but Timmy's cause would be helped if Limerick TD Patrick O'Donovan (FG) is given a Ministry by Simon Harris (FG).

A source close to Dooley told The Clare Echo this week "he's coming up on the radar now" after the internal list emerged. "Micheál Martin will have to take into account Timmy's very high first preference vote, it was the second highest Fianna Fáil vote in the country, the 38% Fianna Fáil vote in Clare was the highest of any constituency in the country".

Speaking to The Clare Echo, political analyst and communications consultant Mark Dunphy from Connolly maintained Timmy's vote in the General Election showed he is deserving of promotion. "A Ministerial portfolio should go to government TDs who receive the most significant mandate in the past election. Having received the eighth highest first preference votes in the country amongst members of the incoming government, Timmy Dooley has more than earned his seat at the cabinet table".

On the value of Clare having a voice around the Cabinet table for the first time since Tony Killeen was Defence Minister is significant. With strong senior and junior Ministerial representation for the counties surrounding Clare, Deputy Dooley's appointment takes on added importance. The issues affecting our county and the wider Mid-West Region will be given a voice at decision making level.

"Deputy Dooley knows the senior civil servants and his way around the halls of Leinster House which will be to his advantage as he settles into the role and brings key local issues to the attention of his own and other government departments. His primary role will be as a parliamentarian acting on behalf of the entire country, but his appointment does place Clare in a stronger position to receive more than just the scraps from the cabinet table that we have become accustomed to".

Fellow Clare TDs Cathal Crowe (FF) and Joe Cooney (FG) have not been in the reckoning thus far for a Junior Ministry.



● Clr Timmy Dooley (FF)



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ADDENDUM NEWSPAPER NOTICE

AN BORD PLEANÁLA CASE NUMBER 321474-24

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A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement and the Plans and Particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection on Clare County Council's website at <https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/holy-island-application> free of charge or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy up to and including Tuesday, 28 February 2025, at the following locations:

- The offices of Clare County Council, Áras Chontae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2, during its public opening hours;
- The offices of Clare County Council Killaloe Municipal District, Mountshannon Road Scariff, Co. Clare, V94 NY33, during its public opening hours; and
- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902, between the hours of 9:15 am and 5:30 pm Monday to Friday (excluding public Holidays).

Any submissions and observations on the proposed development may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 or through the An Bord Pleanála website at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations>

Submissions to An Bord Pleanála must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received no later than 5:30pm on Friday, 28 February 2025, relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
 - ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
 - iii. the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out,
- A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Practical information in respect of the judicial review process can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information website www.citizensinformation.ie

Siobhán Mc Nulty, Director of Tourism Development

16th January 2025.



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Thought for the week: Is Your Light Shining? Spreading the word of positivity

RONAN SCULLY



"YOU are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14-16.

In many different faith traditions as well as in the secular world, many people are encouraged to be light to others or to bring light to others.

To be the light means in times of darkness you offer hope, encouragement, kindness, love, forgiveness and compassion. In times where others are struggling you offer a way to help them to regain their light and to help them shine again. You become as is often said a light in someone else's storm. You help them see the good and beauty of life again. To "Be the Light" may be to offer hope, or just to sit with someone, and be the presence and guidance they need. It may be offering strength to those that are in a moment's weakness, or offering a smile, hug and joy to someone in random parts of your day.

When I think of being the light, I think of the ways other people have helped my heart to glow even brighter than it has in the past, from a kind word that is said, through encouragement, through a smile or hug that is given or joy that is shared.

Sometimes to "Be the Light"

means to carry on the torch for what needs to be completed or be made new. It may mean to give of yourself in a new way to a situation or cause or relationship you are in.

It may also mean to just be still and show that nothing really needs to be said at a given time, until the time is right. "To Be the light" is to foster peace and to show others the joy that is present.

It also means that you try to protect your flame from being blown out, so that you can be the light, and so that light remains. In all truth, beauty, and goodness, we are the light. In times of trial and struggle it means to illuminate what is wonderful.

In concrete reality, being the light may be loving someone despite their flaws. It may mean helping people through situations they do not know how to overcome, it could be empowering others to overcome whatever they are facing. It may be to radiate joy and celebrate the blessings that are present in life. But we must always remember to nurture the light in our own lives by spending time in prayer and listening to the word of God so that we can be that light to others in need in our world.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta recounts in one of her books her visit with some of her sisters to an elderly man living alone for a long time as an outcast on the edges of society. This man was living by himself and had no family. When the sisters entered his house, they

saw that it was in a terrible mess, filled with dust. This man was tired of living and was simply waiting for death. The sisters cleaned his house. In the process of cleaning the house, they saw a very old lamp and asked him if they could clean the lamp and light it. The man refused, saying, "For whom am I going to light the lamp; there is no light anymore in my life." Mother Teresa told him that if he let them clean the lamp and light it, she would make sure that the sisters visited him regularly to share the love of God with him. The man agreed, and they cleaned the lamp and lit it and prayed and had a meal with him. Many years later, Mother Teresa received a letter from this man that simply said, "Dear Mother Teresa, I just want to tell you that the light you lit in my life is still burning." Whenever I read Corinthians 13: 4-13, I think of this testimony of Mother Teresa, and the ordinary and extraordinary acts of kindness and love that many of us show in our relationships with others. To love is to light the flame of life in another person. The fire of love that we are called to light in people's lives is the divine creative energy that gives them new life, new hope, new purpose, and a new inspiration and courage to believe and to live again. There are so many people today whose lives are covered by the dust of pain and sorrow; and whose lives are messy like the home of this lonely man that

Mother Teresa's sisters visited. Can we be their light? It is our calling as fellow human beings on this journey called life to raise those who have fallen, to wipe away the tears from the eyes of those who are despairing, and to bring the light of Christ into a world that is filled with so many pockets of darkness in the brokenness and wounds of these worrying times.

Thought for the week

As your thought for the week, we must remember that the most fundamental vocation and purpose of our lives is to love. However, love without sacrifice is empty, and love without pain is vain. Mother Teresa once said that humanity has cured so many incurable diseases, but one disease that afflicts humanity today is that there are many people who feel unwanted and unloved. May each and every one of us become God's light and hand in the world to touch a wounded soul and heal a broken heart through acts of kindness, love, charity, mercy and forgiveness that flows from a deep place. Let me leave you with a daily prayer recited by Mother Teresa and attributed to St. John Henry Newman, it was said to be among her favorites. "Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every

soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen." Whatever talents, gifts, and creative ideas you have, there is an unlimited number of ways to let your light shine. So go ahead, be a lighthouse and spread your light for you might be the bright light that others need to see through darkness and find their way home. We cannot let our light shine for God unless we admit our need for Him. Once we've surrendered our will, it is then the light can shine through the cracks of our sinful lives. Watchman Nee, one of China's most influential Christian church planters, leaders, and evangelists during the twentieth century, wrote: "To secure one's freedom we must experience God's light which is God's truth." Once we're free of the darkness, God can use us to spread the light of His truth. As we spread His light wherever we go, it will continue to grow as we pass it on. "Dear Lord, I'm sorry for all the times I have hidden my light from the view of others. I don't ever want to be so shy or ashamed that I don't share my faith when I have the chance. Moving forward, please grant me the courage to shine my light for all to see so that I might point others to you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

An tAmhrání as Oileáin árainn, Pádraig Jack, mar aoi ag Dáithí Ó Sé ar TG4 anocht/ Aran Islands singer Pádraig Jack, will be Dáithí Ó Sé's guest on TG4 this evening

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● Seal le Dáithí: Pádraig Jack, anocht, Déardaoin, ag 7.30pm

Imeachtaí/Events:

- CILL ROIS – Preab-Ghaeltacht chuile oíche Dé Céadaoin ag 8pm i mBuggles Bar
- LUIMNEACH – AIFREANN GAELIGE, chuile Dé Domhnaigh, 10.30am, Mainistir an tSlánaítheora, Sráid San Doiminic, Luimneach
- CLARE FM - Cúl-chaint le Domhnall Ó Loingsigh chuile Dé Sathairn, ag 9am ar Clare FM
- CILL INÍNE BAOITHE - Ciorcail Comhrá san XPO, chuile Dé Céadaoin ag 7.30pm
- INIS – CAINT AGUS COMHRÁ, chuile Dé Luain ag 11am sa gCopper Jug, Dé Céadaoin ag 11am in O'Brien's, oíche Déardaoin sa Temple Gate (8pm), agus Dé Sathairn i nGlor, 11am-12pm. Déan teagmháil leo ag: caintaguscomhra@outlook.com
- LUIMNEACH – Ciorcail Comhrá, Chuile Dé Céadaoin ag 10.30am, Bialann Eden, Ollscoil Luimnigh. Tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ó Noel ag 086 792 8389.
- AN SCAIRBH – "Lón i nGaeilge", 1-2pm, CHUILE DÉ MAIRT i gcaifé An Gáirdín, fáilte roimh chuile dhuine.

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Don't just say no

Bridget Ginnity

AS I gazed out the window, a mistle thrush landed on the wall, stood calmly looking around and gave me a close up view of its speckled breast. It reminded me of how much beauty we are surrounded by in Clare, whether we live in towns or the countryside. And so much else in our county is wonderful - our music, our sports, our culture, our community.

We all have something or someone precious. Even in times of stress and deprivation, a moment spent in gratitude can help to bring us through the day.

Gratitude for all that is good in life, natural and man-made, helps us deal with the challenges we face. By appreciating all that is good, we remind ourselves of the value of it. We strengthen our desire to pass on a good life to the coming generation, a life with more pleasure than pain.

And there is plenty of pain. Many people are stressed out with worry about a roof over their heads, being able to get health care, keeping children safe and happy.

Nature is struggling, with numbers declining at a rate that is hard to comprehend. Recent storms and floods have devastated places like Mayotte, Valencia and now Los Angeles. Our recent local weather events that gave rise to electricity outages and floods are trivial by comparison but hugely challenging to those affected.

A natural reaction to the environmental chaos is to deny that it is so bad, to bury our fears, to say we can't make a difference. But perhaps we need to look directly at the problem, hold it in our hands, acknowledge that we feel distress because we have such love for the life we have. And when we recognise that we

deeply care, this can help us do something.

But what can a single person do, when there are over 8 billion people contributing to the problem? What can a single person do when the global system uses finite resources like oil, gas, water and minerals like there was no tomorrow?

So many projects for climate action are imperfect, we can usually find plenty to criticise. The cycle paths near Flannan's in Ennis drive many crazy, wind farm proposals always raise complaints of noise and flicker, the various energy/forestry/transport grants are never sufficient. But if we find ourselves always criticising and never supporting projects that reduce our fossil fuel dependence, we need to ask ourselves why.

By voicing only negative criticism, the effect is to stop actions that improve the environment and our lives. It also demoralises the people who work on these projects. Is that the intention? When we balance the pluses and minuses of a project, we need to recognise the importance of environmental benefits.

This approach of making climate considerations a fundamental aspect of projects was cemented in a recent High Court judgement. Mr. Justice Humphreys has said that rapid, deep and in most cases immediate cuts in greenhouse gas emissions are needed now to preserve our world. He concluded that in future, renewable energy projects will almost always be granted permission.

No proposed project is perfect and I'm not suggesting that people remain silent. There are often very good reasons to object and constructive criticism is valuable.

We need genuine public consultation to improve proposals, to ensure adverse impacts are

minimised and to compensate those severely affected. But what happens when the dominant public response to climate action proposals is criticism and more criticism? We simply make no progress towards our carbon emission reduction targets and don't get the benefits they bring.

With all the problems we face, think what the country could do if handed €20 billion in 2030. That's more than enough for a new hospital in Ennis (and ten times the cost of the national children's hospital), would build about 70,000 homes and plenty left for proper supports for those who need them. Yet we are on the path to handing €20 billion to our European cousins because we have missed the climate and environmental targets we signed up to and they have over-achieved. But if we spend money now on climate actions and bring down our emissions and pollution, we reduce the amount we have to transfer to the over-achieving nations. To do that, we need to put pressure on our local and national politicians to keep this a priority. We also need to let projects that will help us achieve those targets happen, and happen quickly.

We gain in lots of other ways from climate projects. They result in reduced energy costs in our homes, energy security and better and cheaper travel options.

They save lives in road traffic accidents and from less air pollution. Climate projects improve the quality of life by creating communities where people have priority, not cars, where homes are warm, where nature is restored and accessible to all, where the water in our rivers, seas and our taps is clean. Think of all the associated physical and mental health benefits as well as the money saved.

And yet we resist. We need to ask ourselves why we place so little value on the wider goal, when we resist climate actions. And actions have had an impact. The global actions taken so far on renewable energy and other measures have reduced the projected global warming from about 5°C to about 3°C, and brought about health, wealth and well-being benefits.

Although a 3°C increase sounds small, it's still Mad Max territory. We already see upheaval from the 1.5°C warming that occurred in 2024. We need to change the path we are on and bring emissions down more. Every fraction of a degree reduction will save lives and protect nature in our precious world.

At this time of year where we make resolutions, it is good to consider resolving to let projects that improve our climate happen, to balance every criticism with a constructive suggestion and

perhaps actively support some proposals. Perhaps we can make those home energy upgrades, go electric, use public transport, plant trees or get involved in any other project that applies. Maybe some of us will set the

bar lower and simply resolve not to complain loudly about green projects. Everything we do, large and small, can make a difference. We need to tell our young people that we tried. And that we succeeded.



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CREATIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECT AWARDS 2025

The Creative Communities Project Award, previously known as the Creative Ireland Project Award, is funded by Creative Ireland, an all-of-government culture and wellbeing programme with an ambition to inspire and transform people, places and communities through creativity. This project award is designed to enable creativity in every community.

The Clare Creative Ireland programme is delivered under the priorities set out in the Clare County Council Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027, and the Creative Communities Pillar of the Creative Ireland programme.

As part of Clare's 2025 Creative Ireland programme, Clare County Council invite applications for project awards that will develop bodies of creative work in the community with a **public interface or engagement**. We envisage that awards of €500 - €2,000 will be granted.

We invite individuals and groups to make applications to creatively explore at least one of the four strategic priorities of the Clare Culture & Creative Strategy 2023-2027

- Enrich Communities
- Celebrate Sense of Place and Belonging including the Irish language
- Promote Creative Climate Action & Biodiversity
- Strengthen & Develop Creative Ireland's Impact in County Clare

Finished projects can be in any format e.g. visual art, film, music, theatre, dance, spoken word etc. Projects can either be new initiatives or existing projects. If a project is already underway, the application must demonstrate how the Award will increase the impact, scale or scope on the community or target audience.

Application form and details are available from creativeireland@clarecoco.ie or can be downloaded at: www.clarecoco.ie/services/arts-culture/grants/creativeirelandawards/

Closing date for applications is **5pm Friday 31 January 2025**. Late applications will not be considered.



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16th January 2025.



COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR
CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT RADHARC DOIRE, SHANNON, CO. CLARE

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

2 bedroom and 3 bedroom homes at Radharc Doire, Shannon are being made available for sale by Clare County Council under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements. This will be carried out under the Affordable Housing Act 2021 and associated Regulations. These will generally be available only for first-time buyers who do not own a home (although a small number of exceptions apply).



Property Type	Typical Gross Household Upper Income Limit* (€)	Minimum Sale Price (€)	Approximate % Reduction from Market Value	Maximum Sale Price (€)
2 Bedroom homes	€66,262	€260,000 **	16.1%	€294,500
3 Bedroom homes	€71,606	€285,000 **	15%	€318,250

* Income to be assessed by the Council

** Potential for up to an additional €30,000 support via Revenue Help to Buy Scheme for eligible clients : <http://www.revenue.ie/en/property/help-to-buy-incentive/index.aspx>

The purchasers will enter an affordable dwelling purchase arrangement with Clare County Council. Under this arrangement the Council will take a percentage equity share in the dwelling equal to the difference between the market value of the dwelling and the price paid by the purchaser, expressed as a percentage of the market value of the dwelling. The Council may not seek realization of its affordable dwelling equity for a 40-year period (other than for breach of the agreement). However, the purchaser may choose to redeem or buy out the affordable dwelling equity at any time by means of one or a series of payments to the Council. Eligible applicants will be prioritised based on Clare County Councils Scheme of Priority. Further information on this scheme, including the Scheme of Priority and how to make an application, are available from <https://www.clarecoco.ie/services/housing/affordable-housing/>

Applications may be made through a link provided on the webpage above between 16th January 2025 and 12:00 noon on 21st February 2025.

In relation to 70% of the dwellings, as per Clare County Council's scheme of priority, date and time of application will be one of the criteria on which eligible applications will be prioritised under the Council's Scheme of Priority. This means that eligible applications received first will be given priority.

For any other queries, reach out to affordablehousing@clarecoco.ie or phone 065-6846377.

Your journey to affordable homeownership begins here!



A set of propellers about to be lifted with cranes from a wind farm near Kilmihil. Photograph by John Kelly

Clare businesses set for Showcase 2025

SOME of Clare's best up and coming craft and design businesses will be among more than 100 companies from across Ireland getting a chance to meet buyers from all over the world this month.

They will be taking part in the Local Enterprise Showcase at the 2025 Showcase event in the RDS running from January 19 to 21 with head of Enterprise at Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Clare Padraic McElwee saying this is an "incredible opportunity".

An initiative of LEO, the Local Enterprise Showcase will highlight a range of Ireland's newest design talent including Clare businesses Rowena Sheen Jewellery; Sam Gleeson 'This is What I do'; Quin Art and Siar Photography. Rowena works out of the Courthouse Gallery in Ennistymon and comes from a family of designers and makers with a strong appreciation for natural and locally sourced products and materials. Rowena has developed a range of unique hand-made wooden jewellery which is made using, as far as is possible, native, sustainably sources Irish materials.

Sam is a bladesmith based in Miltown Malbay, specialising in culinary knives combining traditional blacksmith skills with the eye of precision furniture maker, creating heirloom pieces for daily use. Sam is a multi award winning designer/maker and sells work worldwide to private collectors, chefs and home cooks alike and his works have been purchased by they National Museum of Ireland, the National Gallery and more. For more see www.thiswhatido.ie.

Artist Helen Lowe of Quin Art, is a visual artist with many paintings sold worldwide. Her paintings capture the solidarity of seascapes, landscape and fauna of Ireland, brought to life using classical elements of earth, water, fire, and air giving the images a three-dimensional feel. Check www.quinartshop.com.

Founded in 2019 by husband and wife team, Gary and Aoife. SIAR Photography offers over 130 original photographs by Gary, with each print printed, packaged and sold from their studio in County Clare on the Wild Atlantic Way. They also offer greeting cards, notebooks, postcards, an annual calendar and collaborated with a local candle producer to create their first candle Trá, a scent inspired by the Irish beach and coastline. Check www.siarphotography.ie.

The event will open its doors later this month to thousands of buyers from across the world, including Ireland, the UK, USA, mainland Europe, Asia and Africa. Showcase is presented on behalf of Design & Crafts Council Ireland, with support from Enterprise Ireland in promoting the trade show internationally through their network of offices overseas, and the Local Enterprise Offices nationwide.

Recent participants from Clare include the likes of Wix & Wax, Palm Free Soap, Creative Clay, Moher Soap Company.

In 2024 there were thousands of national and international buyers in attendance at the event in the RDS and it is expected this will increase again in 2025.

Local Enterprise Office Clare has been working with Rowena

Sheen, Sam Gleeson, Helen Lowe and Gary Collins on merchandising for their stands, marketing, and sales techniques to ensure they maximise opportunities at the three-day event.

Mr McElwee believes this is an opportunity like no other for up-and-coming craft and design clients looking to make that break through.

"To be exposed to this many high-quality buyers in one place is an incredible opportunity for any business starting out. If things go well at this event, a business could fill their book for the year and may well establish a partnership that could extend longer than that and help them grow. While that won't happen for every business, just to be here, see other clients, get new ideas and develop their skills in marketing and sales will stand by them going forward."

This year all Local Enterprise Showcase clients were entered into the Business of Craft Awards. This is the second year of the awards that celebrate the business behind the amazing craft and design products that are created across the country.

The awards have three categories; Best Newcomer for the best craft and design business who is exhibiting for the first time, One to Watch for the best craft and design business who has excellent export and international potential and finally Sustainability Champion for the best craft and design business who is excelling in sustainability. Rowena Sheen Jewellery supported by LEO Clare has been named a finalist in the Sustainability Champion category.

Addendum Site Notice
An Bord Pleanála Case Number 321474-24

COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR
CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 175(3) AND SECTION 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED).

APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR APPROVAL: PROPOSED UPGRADE AND ENHANCED VISITOR FACILITIES AT INIS CEALTRA (HOLY ISLAND) AND MOUNTSHANNON VILLAGE, CO. CLARE.

Further to notice published on 12 December 2024, Clare County Council has sought the approval of An Bord Pleanála under Section 175(3) and Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the 'Inis Cealtra Visitor Experience'. The proposed development provides for upgrade and enhanced visitor facilities on lands measuring approximately 20.3 hectares located at Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) in Lough Derg, and at two locations in Mountshannon Village, in the Townland of Mountshannon. The two sites in Mountshannon Village include: (1) lands within the curtilage of the 'Old Rectory' (a Protected Structure, RPS No. 464) and extending south to encompass a section of Harbour Road (L-4034) and Mountshannon Harbour car park, and (2) lands to the north of Aistear Park on the north side of Main Street (R352).

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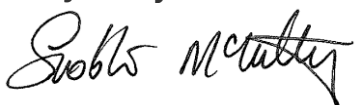
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COMPARABLE COUNTIES AND TOWNS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____ DATE: _____
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Shabbar M. Kadi, Director of Service (Buckingham)
 148 Essex Street



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Environmental Protection Agency
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Johnstown Castle Estate
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Y35 W821

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Leeson Lane
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D02 TR60

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Galway County Council
Áras an Chontae
Prospect Hill
Galway
H91 H6KX

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Southern Regional Assembly
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X91 F8PC

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Dublin
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16/01/2025

Re: Addendum Notice by Clare County Council to extend the public consultation period of an Application made to An Bord Pleanála on 12 December 2024 (An Bord Pleanála Case Number 321474-24) for Approval under Sections 175(3) and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

A Chara,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 175 and Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given by Clare County Council of a proposed development on lands at Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) in Lough Derg, and in Mountshannon, County Clare.

The proposed development provides for upgrade and enhanced visitor facilities on lands measuring approximately 20.3 hectares located at Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) in Lough Derg, and at two locations in Mountshannon Village, in the Townland of Mountshannon. The two sites in Mountshannon Village include: (1) lands within the curtilage of the 'Old Rectory' (a Protected Structure, RPS No. 464) and extending south to encompass a section of Harbour Road (L-4034) and Mountshannon Harbour car park, and (2) lands to the north of Aistear Park on the north side of Main Street (R352).

The proposed upgrade and enhanced visitor facilities development will consist of:

- (a) Demolition of an existing concrete shelter (16sq.m) at Inis Cealtra adjacent to the existing pier at the north-west of the island;
- (b) Installation of a new L-shaped floating access jetty and walkway at the north-west of Inis Cealtra Island at the location of the existing pier, consisting of a floating breakwater jetty, a stone and concrete causeway connected by a steel access ramp and a canoe launch jetty with access ramp;
- (c) A series of new mown grass pedestrian paths on Inis Cealtra facilitating enhanced access to the island's main monuments and natural landscape;
- (d) Provision of three staff and public welfare facility 'pods' including a weather shelter (20sq.m), WCs (15sq.m) and a staff rest room (25sq.m), principally made up of prefabricated timber components;



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- (e) Removal of foul waste from a holding container forming part of a proposed dry toilet system on Inis Cealtra Island, and its transportation by tanker to an off-site licenced wastewater treatment facility;
- (f) Construction of a public car park on the north side of Main Street, incorporating 169 total car parking spaces including 105 standard car parking spaces, 11 accessible car parking spaces and 53 overflow car parking spaces on reinforced grass in the northern part of the site, together with 6 coach parking spaces and 40 secure bicycle parking spaces;
- (g) To facilitate the new car park in Main Street, it is proposed to remove two sections of an existing mound/wall (approx. 155m combined length) extending south to north through the site, together with the access gate and a 7.8m section of the existing masonry wall at the site's frontage to Main Street on the southern boundary;
- (h) Construction of a new part one-storey, part two-storey Visitor Centre with a gross floor area of 1,594sq.m to the south of the existing 'Old Rectory' building (RPS No. 464), incorporating a series of interpretation, exhibition and education spaces, together with a café and ancillary supporting spaces;
- (i) Removal of two sections of the existing stone wall (approx. length 45m combined total) at the south and south-west boundary of the 'Old Rectory' site at its frontage to Harbour Road, to enhance access from Harbour Road and provide a visual connection between the new Visitor Centre and Lough Derg;
- (j) Reconfiguration of the existing Mountshannon Harbour car park, providing for 49 total car parking spaces, including 46 standard spaces and 3 accessible spaces, together with public realm enhancements;
- (k) All ancillary infrastructure and site development works above and below ground level including undergrounding of an existing ESB overhead line at the site of the new car park in Mountshannon Village, public lighting, drainage, connections to public services, site access, traffic calming, hard and soft landscaping, public realm works and boundary treatments.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

A copy of the EIAR and NIS, together with the Plans and Particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection on Clare County Council's website at <https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/holy-island-application>.



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