



An
Bord
Pleanála

Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Andy Grehan, David Slattery, Eoghan O'Connell

(b) Observer's postal address

EXCAPE Leixlip, Confey GAA Club, Leixlip,
Co.Kildare

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

N/A

(b) Agent's postal address

N/A

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

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The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

DART+ West project

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Cope Bridge, Confey, Leixlip, Co.Kildare

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

We feel this project and re-development of Cope Bridge will have a massive impact on our business which is operating out of Confey GAA Club since 2018. Cope Bridge is used as an primary access point to our facilities and we have a number of concerns about the project which are listed below;

1. Drainage

Inadequate drainage details have been provided. There is the potential for negative consequences to the Club lands and pitches in relation to drainage.

2. Noise

Inadequate information has been provided regarding the mitigation measures that are being proposed to control noise pollution along the new scheme.

3. Access – General

There is a lack of clarity in relation to access during and post construction. More clarity and detail is required regarding the new bridge works and footpaths/cycleways.

4. Road Closures

There is a lack of clarity re. potential road closures during construction. In the event of road closures, will there be pedestrian access across the bridge to the Club?

5. Health and Safety Issues

There is a serious concern for the Club in relation to the safety of the members of the Club, especially children in relation to the works that have to be carried out generally. Specifically in relation to cyclists, there is no clarity as to where cyclists will go after they cross over the bridge and arrive at the first house on the east or Club side.

6. Time Frame

There is a lack of clarity around the length of time that it will take to complete the works at the location of the Club. No commencement or completion dates have been put forward in relation to the works.

7. Direct Specific Impacts

5. Grounds

The proposed works will severely impact on the Club's playing pitches and the ability of teams to train and play. The Club's training pitch will be severely curtailed as the Club is an expanding Club and they need a bigger area to train. Currently the Club are under severe pressure with regard to training space. No consideration has been given to this issue. This is a serious matter for the Club.

The Club need information, commitments and guarantees regarding the finishing and reinstatement of the grounds on completion of the works.

The disruption that will arise from the works on the bridge will have a serious impact on the Club facilities and on the Bar and Sports Hall which are a source of revenue to fund the Club's community and member activities.

8. Responsibility for Works

Specific details will need to be provided as to who is responsible for the various works being carried out at the location of the bridge and club, i.e. is it Kildare County Council, Irish Rail or another body. On completion of the scheme, clarity is needed as to which entity will own the lands permanently acquired in the vicinity of the bridge.

9. Screening and Planting

There is a lack of detail re. hedging and screening.

10. Boundary Treatment

Inadequate detail has been provided regarding the type of boundary to be provided along the scheme at the property.

11. Finished Levels

There is a lack of detail in relation to finished road levels.

12. Lighting

Insufficient detail has been provided re. new lightening along and at the scheme works.

13. Footpaths/Cycle Paths

There is a lack of detail and clarity re. footpaths and cycle paths at the new bridge.

14. Timing

There is a lack of detail re. the works timing and duration.

15. Reinstatement

There is a lack of clarity in relation to reinstatement of pitch surfaces and grounds.

16. Other Matters

Such other relevant matters that may arise when more detailed design information is made available.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to **request the Board to hold an oral hearing**, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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