

Council tenders for CCTV cameras to catch litter louts

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THE council in Westmeath has launched a procurement process for new CCTV cameras at dumping blackspots in the county.

The local authority recently went to tender for the supply and installation of a minimum of four CCTV cameras at various locations.

The tender documents state that the estimated value of the CCTV contract is €65,000, excluding VAT, and that the cameras were being put in place to help "investigate and prosecute dumping".

Westmeath County Council indicated that the provider of the cameras would also be engaged in "the

recording, monitoring and processing of data" resulting from their use.

The provider would also be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the cameras, and the "relocation and reinstatement of any or all four CCTV cameras to different sites" at the council's request.

When cameras are moved from one location to another, they are to be replaced with "like-for-like dummy cameras" to give the impression that they are still present and functioning.

The tendering process for the cameras was first advertised on June 16, and the closing date for contractors to apply is this Friday, July 4, at 4pm.

If and when a successful contractor is appointed, the

contract is due to remain in place for a period of two years. **RIGHT: Dumping in Glymwood Bog in recent years.**



WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na h-Iarmhí

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA FOR APPROVAL FOR ATHLONE LINK ROAD PHASE 2 JOINING THE CRESCENT JUNCTION (R915) TO COOSAN POINT ROAD/ SOUTHERN STATION ROAD JUNCTION IN ATHLONE, COUNTY WESTMEATH.

Pursuant to 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 that Westmeath County Council ("the road authority") proposes to seek the approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Commission") for the proposed road development titled Athlone Link Road Phase 2, joining the Crescent Junction (R915) to Coosan Point Road/Southern Station Road Junction in Athlone, County Westmeath.

The proposed development will consist of the following:

- New Link Road with Active Travel facilities including Segregated cycling facilities joining the Crescent Junction (R915) to Coosan Point Road/Southern Station Road Junction.
- New two-way segregated facility on Southern Station Road (West side).
- A three-metre-wide shared surface from the Crescent Junction linking to Athlone Train/Bus Station.
- A reconfiguration of, and an extension to, the existing Athlone Bus Éireann depot yard, boundary treatments, signage, drainage, and all associated ancillary works to be completed.

An Ecological Impact Assessment report (EcIA) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report for the proposed development has been carried out and has determined that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and has determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EiAR) is not required.

The Commission may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development. Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including Natura Impact Statement, will be available for inspection free of charge, or for purchase of a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the following offices of Westmeath County Council:

- Athlone Moate Municipal District, Westmeath County Council, Civic Offices, Church Street, Athlone, County Westmeath N37P215
- Transportation Department, Westmeath County Council, Áras an Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, County Westmeath, N91FH4N
- between the hours of 9:30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4:30pm each day for which said offices are open for the transaction of business, for a period from Friday the 11th of July 2025 to Friday the 29th of August 2025 (inclusive of both dates) and at the following offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála:

- An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01V902
- between the hours of 9:15am to 5:30pm each day for which said Offices are open for the transaction of business, for a period from Friday the 11th of July 2025 to Friday the 29th of August 2025 (inclusive of both dates).

Submissions or observations regarding the proposed development may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála (with an address of 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01V902) during the period from Friday the 11th of July 2025 to Friday the 29th of August 2025 (inclusive of both dates) in relation to:

- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Submissions or observations are to be received no later than **5.30pm on Friday the 29th of August 2025.**

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts as provided for in Section 50 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2022. Further information can be obtained from An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01V902 in respect of the judicial review procedure.

Further information in respect of the judicial review process can also be found at www.citizensinformation.ie Contact Lo-Call 081807400 or +353 21 452 1600 for details of the locations and operating hours of your local Citizens Information Centre.

Signed: Jeon Ryan,
Director of Services,
Directorate of Planning, Transportation, Regeneration
and Capital Projects, Economic Development.

Date: 5th July 2025.

Machetes found in cemetery search

A garda search of Coosan Cemetery on Friday last, June 27, resulted in a cache of weapons being recovered, including machetes and sports equipment.

A statement from the Garda Press Office confirmed that Garda conducted a search of a Cemetery in Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

"A number of items were recovered during the course of the search, including

machetes and sports equipment" said the garda statement, which added that "enquiries are ongoing."

The recovery of the weapons took place less than 48 before the annual Cemetery Mass in Coosan Cemetery on Sunday afternoon last, June 29, at 3pm which attracted huge crowds of local and visiting families to the Athlone cemetery to honour the memory of their loved ones.

Youth seriously injured in Kiltloom accident

ATHLONE Gardai are investigating the circumstances surrounding a road traffic accident at Curragmore, Kiltloom, on Sunday evening last in which a male youth sustained serious injuries.

Gardai were called to the scene of the single vehicle road traffic collision at Cur-

raghmore at approximately 8pm on Sunday evening last, June 29.

A male youth was conveyed to hospital for treatment of injuries which are believed to be serious but non-life threatening.

Gardai said investigations into the incident are ongoing.