Avoid Asian hornets, experts advise after nest is found in Cork

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An Asian hornet nest has been found near Cork city following sightings of the insects, which pose a threat to honeybee populations.

It was identified "in and around" where Asian hornets were seen in the "southern side of Cork city" last month, junior minister Christopher O'Sullivan said.

The nest will be removed and the hornets destroyed, with further tests due to be carried out on the nest to locate where they may have come from.

Speaking to RTÉ's *Morning Ireland*, Mr O'Sullivan said he could not give an exact location, but it was confirmed yesterday that the nest was found by the National Parks and Wildlife Service after an exhaustive search.

"We suspected over the last couple of weeks that this might be the case," he said.

"I know people may be alarmed by the fact that we now have a confirmed sighting of an Asian hornet nest because of the devastating impacts that an Asian hornet outbreak would have on biodiversity and nature in general – but it is a success story.

"You have to understand the timeline of this species. It is expected that every nest will contain a number of queen hornets.

"Obviously, if queen hornets get out into wider circulation, they may go on and build their own nests and the population may increase that way."

Mr O'Sullivan said there was pressure to locate the nest as queen hornets leave their colonies later in the autumn.

Asian hornets are a risk to the Irish honeybee and biodiversity. Photo: Getty

"We believe we have got ahead of this by the quick effort of National Parks and Wildlife rangers," he added.

The nest will be taken to the National Museum of Ireland where entomologists will carry out further investigations "to find out exactly where we think that this original hornet may have originated from".

A spokesperson for the Department of Housing said the survey and monitoring team have "intensified efforts" after the recent sightings.

The Asian hornet management group has been established, has consulted with experts from the UK and is monitoring the situation.

"The location of sightings and monitoring activities are not being disclosed for operational purposes," the spokesperson said.

"The Asian hornet is not generally aggressive, but it may sting if provoked.

"The public are therefore advised not to approach or attempt to capture a suspected individual, but instead to report any suspected sightings through the National Biodiversity Data Centre's reporting portal, including a photograph if possible."

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

FOIRM AN FHÓGRA I dTAOBH ORDÚ CEANNAIGH ÉIGEANTAIGH FAOI ALT 76 d'ACHT NA dTITHE, 1966 AGUS AN TRÍÚ SCEIDEAL A GHABHANN LEIS AN ACHT SIN, ARNA LEATHNÚ LE hALT 10 DEN ACHT RIALTAIS ÁITIÚIL (UIMH. 2), 1960, LE FOILSIÚ DE RÉIR AIRTEAGAL 4(A) DEN TRÍÚ SCEIDEAL A GHABHANN LE hACHT NA DTITHE, 1966, ARNA LEASÚ LEIS AN ACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000

TALAMH A FHÁIL GO hÉIGEANTACH

ORDÚ CEANNAIGH ÉIGEANTAIGH CHOMHAIRLE CONTAE NA GAILLIMHE UIMH. 4 2025 (BONNEAGAR FISICIÚIL, SEIRBHÍSÍ DÓITEÁIN AGUS ÉIGEANDÁLA AGUS ATHRÚ AERÁIDE)

N63 SCÉIM TAISTIL GHNÍOMHAIGH MAINISTIR CHNOC MUAIDHE, CONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Tá ordú déanta ag **Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe** (dá ngairtear "an t-údarás áitiúil" anseo feasta), i bhfeidhmiú na gcumhachtaí a thugtar di le hAlt 76 d'Acht na dTithe, 1966 agus an Tríú Sceideal a ghabhann leis an Acht sin, arna leathnú le halt 10 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Uimh. 2), 1960, arna ionadú le halt 86 d'Acht na dTithe, 1966, arna leasú le halt 6 d'Acht na mBóithre, 1993 agus an Dara Sceideal a ghabhann leis an Acht sin, agus arna leasú leis an Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, a bhfuil an teideal sin thuas air agus atá le cur faoi bhráid An Coimisiún Pleanála lena dhaingniú.

Má dhaingnítear é, údarófar leis an ordú don údarás áitiúil an talamh a thuairiscítear sa Chéad Sceideal a ghabhann leis seo a fháil go héigeantach chun an N63 Scéim Taistil Ghníomhaigh Mainistir Chnoc Muaidhe agus na hoibreacha coimhdeacha agus iarmhartacha go léir a fhoirgniú lena n-áirítear struchtúir, dromhchla bóthair, marcálacha bóthair, oibreacha rochtana agus cóiríochta, agus oibreacha gaolmhara eile, a sholáthar sna bailte fearainn seo a leanas **An Choilleach Theas (Toghroinn: An Mhainistir Thiar), agus An Choilleach Thuaidh (Toghroinn: An Mhainistir Thiar).**

Gheobhaidh úinéirí, léasaithe agus áititheoirí na talún a thuairiscítear sa Sceideal fógra scríofa aonair.

Foráiltear le hAcht na dTithe, 1966, arna leasú, nach féidir leis an gCoimisiún an t-ordú i leith na talún a dhaingniú má dhéanann úinéir na talún, léasaí na talún nó áititheoir na talún agóid i leith fháil na talún, agus mura dtarraingeofar siar í, go dtí go mbeidh éisteacht ó bhéal tionólta maidir leis an agóid agus go dtí go mbeidh breithniú déanta ar an agóid agus ar thuarascáil an duine a thionóil an éisteacht ó bhéal ach, d'ainneoin a bhfuil thuas, tá sé de lánrogha ag an Coimisiún Pleanála faoi Alt 218 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 arna leasú le hAlt 39 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006 éisteacht ó bhéal a thionól.

Is féidir cóip den Ordú agus de na Sceidil a ghabhann leis an Ordú agus de na léarscáileanna dá dtagraítear ann a iniúchadh ag na hionaid seo a leanas ar laethanta oibre idir 9.30am agus 4.00pm ó **Dé hAoine an 29ú Lúnasa 2025 go dtí Dé hAoine an 17ú Deireadh Fómhair 2025 go huile (gan laethanta saoire poiblí a áireamh) ag:**

- **Oifigí Chomhairle Contae na Gaillimhe, Halla an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, H91H6KX**
- **Oifigí Thionscadal Bóithre Náisiúnta na Gaillimhe, Teach Corparáideach, Páirc Gnó Oirthear na Cathrach, Baile an Bhriotaigh, Gaillimh, H91 KT67**
- **Oifig Ceantair Thuama, Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, An tSráid Ard, Tuaim, Gaillimh, H54 F627**
- **https://www.galway.ie/ga/seirbhisi/boithre/tograiboithre/n63sceimtaistil**

Arna dhátú: Dé hAoine an 29ú Lúnasa 2025.

FORM OF NOTICE OF A COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER UNDER SECTION 76 OF AND THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT, 1966, AS EXTENDED BY SECTION 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO 2) ACT, 1960, TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4(A) OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT 1966 AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER NO. 4 2025 (PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CLIMATE CHANGE)

N63 ABBEYKNOCKMOY VILLAGE ACTIVE TRAVEL, COUNTY GALWAY.

Galway County Council hereinafter referred to as "the local authority") in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 76 of the Housing Act, 1966, and the Third Schedule thereto, as extended by section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by section 6 and the Second Schedule to the Roads Act, 1993 and as amended by the Planning and Development Act, 2000, has made an order entitled as above which is about to be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation.

If confirmed, the order will authorise the local authority to acquire compulsorily the land described in the First Schedule hereto for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1966, to construct the N63 Abbeyknockmoy Village Active Travel and all ancillary and consequential works including the provision of structures, road pavement, road markings, access and accommodation works, and other ancillary works, in the townlands of **Culliagh South (ED: Abbey West), and Culliagh North (ED: Abbey West).**

Owners, lessees and occupiers of the land described in the Schedule will receive individual written notice.

The Housing Act, 1966 , as amended, provides that the Commission cannot confirm the order in respect of the land if an objection is made in respect of the acquisition by an owner, lessee or occupier of the land, and not withdrawn, until it has held an oral hearing into the objection and until it has considered the objection and the report of the person who held the oral hearing but, not withstanding the above, An Coimisiún Pleanála has an absolute discretion under Section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by Section 39 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 to hold an oral hearing.

A copy of the Order and of the Schedules thereto and of the maps referred to in it may be inspected at the following locations on working days between the hours of 9.30am and 4.00pm from **Friday 29th August 2025 to Friday 17th October 2025 inclusive (excluding public holidays) at:**

- **The offices of Galway County Council, County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91H6KX**
- **The offices of Galway National Roads Project Office, Corporate House, Ballybrit Business Park, Ballybrit, Galway, H91KT67**
- **The offices of Galway County Council, High St, Tuam, Co. Galway, H54 F627**
- **https://www.galway.ie/en/services/roads/roadsprojects/n63activetravel**

Dated this: August 29th 2025.

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