

An
Bord
Pleanála

Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Your 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:

Your full details:

(a) Name

John Lawlor

(b) Address

26 TJ Murphy Place
Dungarvan
Co. Waterford

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

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

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

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The agent at the address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Offaly County Council, Kildare County Council

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

320137

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

PC19.320137

(d) Location of proposed development

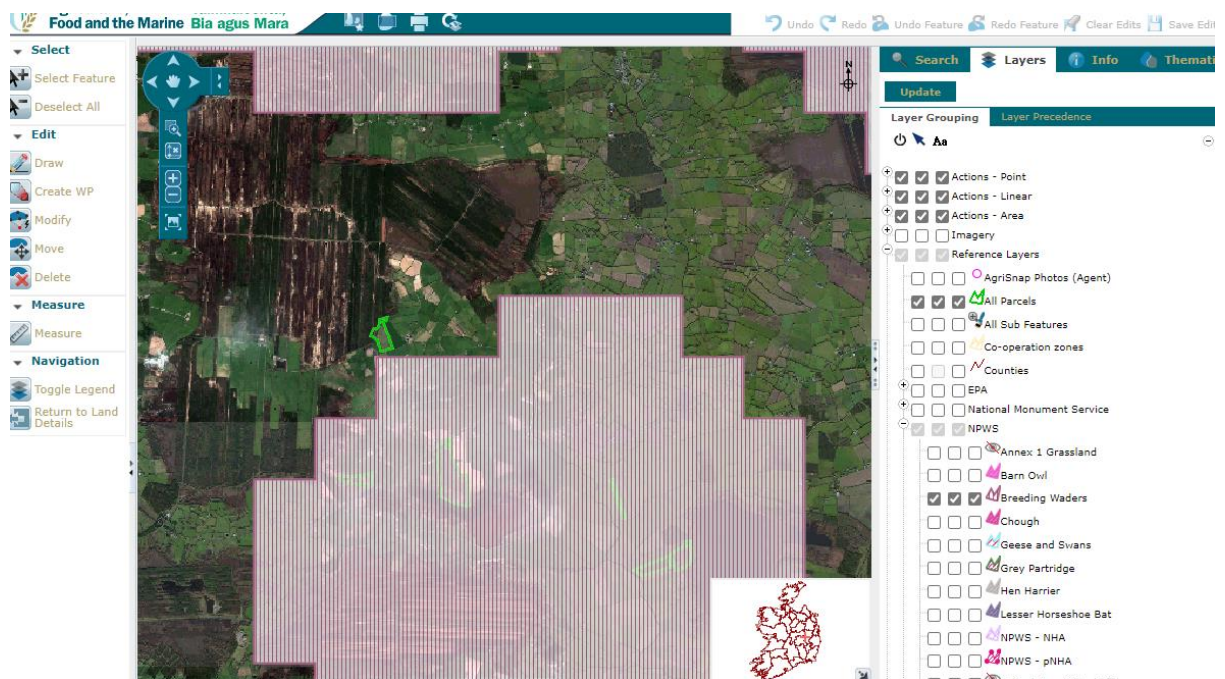
(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

In the townlands of Cushina, Clonsast Lower and Chevy Chase or
Derrynadarragh near Bracknagh, in County Offaly and the townlands of
Aughrim and Derrylea near Monastervin in County Kildare

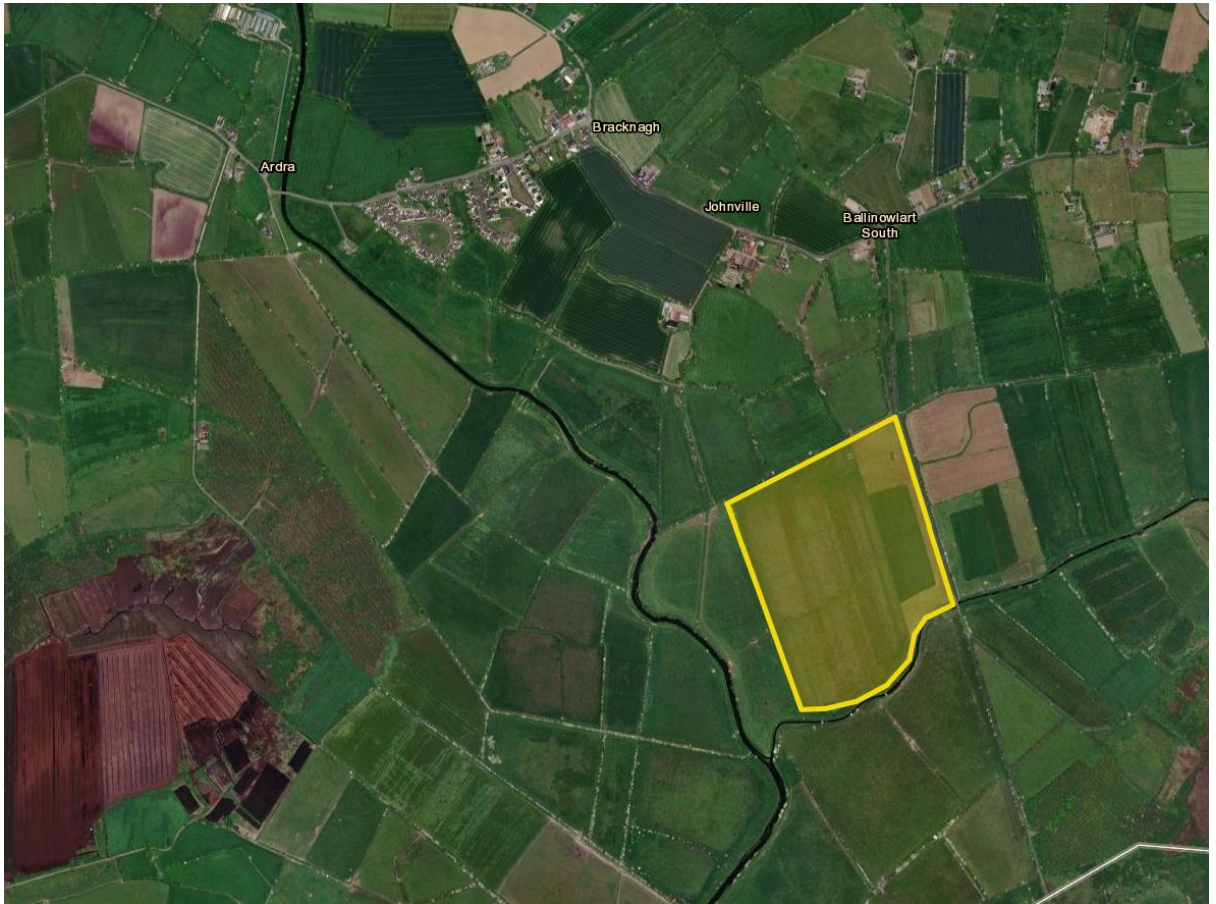
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5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

The proposed development is in an area which is designated as a nesting site for breeding waders (including the critically endangered Curlew) by the NPWS. See the figure below:



The proposed development is in an area which contains an Annex 1 habitat with habitat code 6410, GS4 wet grassland. This area is highlighted in yellow in the figure below.



This site is home to several red and orange listed birds including Curlew, Whinchat, Meadow Pipit and Snipe. These have been photographed at this location in May 2025 as shown below:



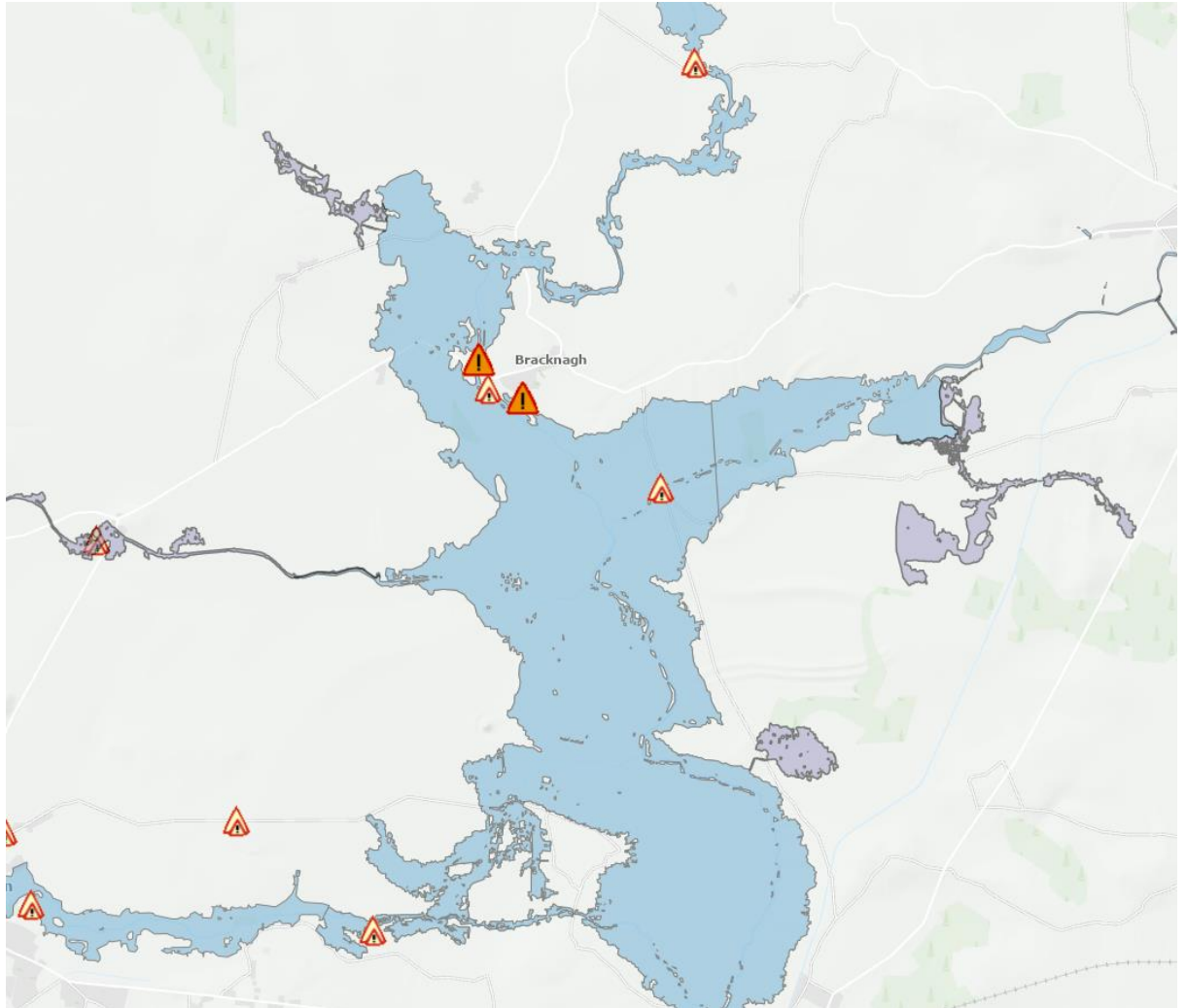
The proposed development is in an area adjacent to new barn owl nesting sites. These are the first successful nesting occurrences since the 1980s for the endangered Barn Owl. These are highlighted in the figure below.



The proposed development is in an area which is quite close to Umeras bog. A wind farm was proposed for Umeras Bog in 2021. It was refused because it was on an Air Corp flight path. The proposed development could also be within the flight path used by the Irish Aviation Authority. Umeras bog is highlighted in the next figure, and note the proximity to Bracknagh village, the site of the development.



The proposed development is on a flood plain as identified by OPW, see the following figure (source: floodinfo.ie):



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