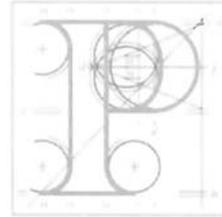


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Celbridge Heritage and Tourism Forum
c/o Vanessa Liston
48 Rockfield Court
Maynooth
Co. Kildare

Date: 16 January 2026

Re: Proposed construction of the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor
Celbridge Town, County Kildare

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Secretary,

Please see attached observations on behalf of the Celbridge Heritage and Tourism Forum relating to the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor Section 177 AE Planning Application. Ref: ACP-323851-25.

Regards,
Vanessa Liston

Chair

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5th January 2026

**Submission on the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility
Corridor Section 177 AE Planning Application
Ref: ACP-323851-25**

Dear Secretary,

The Celbridge Heritage and Tourism Forum (CHTF), an Fóram Oidhreachta agus Turasóireachta Chill Droichid, is a community organisation established in 2015 with the mission to secure, protect and enhance, the heritage of Celbridge, and quality of its experience for residents and visitors, for current and future generations.

We welcome the proposed development that will provide much needed infrastructure in a way that supports the modal shift key to Celbridge's sustainable development. We also welcome the positive proposal and attention to ecological, heritage and cultural aspects of the proposed development.

We would like to raise two key points that we feel are important from the perspective of Celbridge's unique built and natural heritage outlined in the submitted documentation.



Design of iconic bridge to reflect significance of place

Firstly, the scheme passes through the former demesne lands associated with Celbridge Abbey. The plans indicate that the bridge will not be visible from key vantage points in this key heritage site. This is to be welcomed.

However, the scheme nonetheless, will be visible from certain points in the demesne and it also occupies a prominent place relative to the demesne. In this regard, there is an opportunity for artistic design of an iconic bridge, within its current scope, to reflect the stories and heritage of Celbridge Abbey in particular with regard to Jonathan Swift and Esther van Homrigh ('Vanessa').

Building tourism experiences is a key focus of the Forum, which is supported by policies RE P15, RE P22, objective RE O31 of the Kildare County Development Plan in highlighting tourism as a key economic opportunity for Celbridge. The bridge could be enhanced as an artistic and cultural nod to the heritage of the sensitive and unique place over which it is passing in Celbridge.

Celbridge celebrates the relationship of Jonathan Swift and Vanessa each year in an annual cultural and arts festival, and this hugely significant piece of infrastructure would help to provide a permanent iconic place marker and acknowledgement of the importance of Celbridge in the literary output of Jonathan Swift both for the community and visitors. It would be a lost opportunity not to enhance the significance of the place in which the scheme is located with appropriate artistic design in a way that establishes the bridge as an iconic cultural marker and enhances the unique place the bridge occupies.

Attenuation ponds south of Celbridge Abbey as visual amenity

Secondly, the current plans suggests native and wildflower planting around the attenuation ponds 1 and 2 which is very welcome. However, the site is proposed to be fenced in with security gates.

Given the location of the ponds within the former demesne lands associated with Celbridge Abbey on the Liffey, the shortage of public amenities in Celbridge, and the move to creating a Liffey Valley Park and opening the Liffey banks for public amenity, this space has an opportunity to be designed as a visual amenity for the community.

We suggest that the proposed attenuation basins (1 and 2), in addition to their drainage function, are integrated with the scheme's landscape design to provide visual amenity as well as the proposed biodiversity value for the community. Public access could be



managed to reflect the operational and safety function of the basins. The area could, for example, be integrated with adjacent walking/cycling routes through set-back viewing areas and landscaping that provides a clear and safe separation from the water's edge.

This approach would provide an important sensitive approach to its position in relation to the demesne than an area solely with drainage function protected by security fencing.

Both of these points would contribute to the sustainable development in the area in which the proposed development is situated.

Thank you for your consideration of these points in your review of the Planning Application for this important scheme for Celbridge.

Regards,

Vanessa Liston

Chair

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