



**Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe**
Galway City Council

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY GALWAY CITY COUNCIL
PROJECT NAME: KINGSTON PARK AND MILLERS LANE -
PUBLIC PARK AND URBAN REALM PROJECT**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 177AE(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) notice is hereby given that Galway City Council is seeking the approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála for works to:

1. Millers Lane (located on the L-5000 Road and Millers Lane) in the townland of Rahoon, Galway City; and

2. The proposed Kingston Park (located on the local road known as the Altan Road, accessed from the Western Distributor Road) in the townlands of Clybaun and Rahoon, Galway City.

The proposed development consists of:

The refurbishment and expansion of the existing park (site area 2.44Ha) located on **Millers Lane**, including:

I. Relocation and replacement of the 2 no. existing football pitches with: 1 no. new 4G synthetic turf multi-sport pitch (designed to soccer pitch dimensions) with associated fencing and 6 no. floodlights; and 1 no. new 2G sand-filled synthetic multi-sport pitch (designed to hockey pitch dimensions) with associated fencing and 6 no. floodlights.

II. New two-storey, multi-functional building which includes public and sports team changing rooms, showers and toilets; multi-purpose sports hall; multi-purpose activity rooms; kitchenette; 2 no. viewing terraces; first-aid room; store rooms; plant rooms; reception area; and roof-mounted solar panels.

III. New public spaces and amenities including fenced children's play areas; internal paths; multi-use games area; climbing wall; calisthenics area; public plaza; pitch spectator areas; equipment storage shed; green space for passive recreation; public lighting; and public seating.

IV. Extensive landscape planting (including native genus and species) and nature-based drainage measures including pollinator-friendly raingarden/ bioretention areas and reinforced grass paving, as well as planting areas with typologies including native and naturalised wooded areas, avenue tree planting, clipped hedges, short-flowering meadow, and pollinator-friendly perennials.

V. Relocated vehicular access on the L-5000 Road; 2 no. new active travel accesses from the L-5000 Road; and enhanced pedestrian / cyclist access from Millers Lane.

VI. 27 no. car parking spaces (2 no. standard EV charging spaces, 1 no. accessible space, 1 no. combined EV and accessible space, 1 no. family space, and 1 no. age-friendly space), 2 no. coach drop-off spaces with automated access control, 3 no. motorcycle spaces, and 64 no. cycle spaces (40 no. standard short-term spaces, 2 no. short term cargo-bike spaces, and a secure bike shed with 20 no. standard and 2 no. cargo-bike spaces).

The development of the northern half of the proposed **Kingston Park** (site area 3.43Ha), including:

I. The development of 1 no. 4G synthetic turf multi-sport pitch (designed to rugby pitch dimensions) with associated fencing and 6 no. floodlights.

II. New two-storey, multi-functional building which includes public and sports team changing rooms, toilets, and showers (standard and accessible); double-height general purpose community hall including retractable bleacher seating; multi-purpose activity rooms (including 3 no. rooms offering direct views onto the playing pitch); commentary booth; café and servery; sensory room; first-aid room; store room; plant room; reception area; and roof-mounted solar panels.

III. New public spaces and amenities including all-ages play area, outdoor classroom / amphitheatre; internal paths; multi-functional gaming area; informal games lawn; boules pitch; calisthenics area; performance space; pedestrian gateway plaza; parks department staff kiosk; refuse store; sports equipment sheds; public lighting; and public seating.

IV. Extensive landscape planting (including native genus and species) and nature-based drainage measures including pollinator-friendly raingarden/ bioretention areas; reinforced grass paving; native hedgerows; short- and long-flowering meadows; wildflower gardens; native and naturalised wooded areas; and pollinator-friendly perennials and shrubs.

V. Replacement of the existing vehicular site access / junction on the Altan Road, and modification of the new access road approved under permitted Aquatic Centre Development (Pln. Ref. 24/60370) to account for the layout of this proposed development.

VI. Improvement of existing active travel entrance from Doire Gheal, improved links to the St. John the Apostle, Knocknacarra National School (via a Safe Routes to School), new active travel accesses from the Altan Road, and provision for 2 no. potential future accesses to lands to the east (northeast of Kingston Gardens).

VII. 50 no. car parking spaces (including 4 no. standard EV charging spaces, 3 no. accessible spaces, 1 no. combined EV and accessible space, and 1 no. age-friendly space), 1 no. coach parking space, 1 no. set-down area, 82 no. bicycle spaces (60 no. standard short-term spaces, and a secure bike shed with 20 no. standard and 2 no. cargo-bike spaces) and 2 no. motorcycle spaces.

All other associated and ancillary works.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of this Proposed Development.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including the Natura Impact Statement (NIS), can be viewed and will be available for inspection or for purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, for a period of not less than 6 weeks from Monday, 17th November 2025 until Monday, 12th January 2026 (inclusive) (extended to account for the holiday period), at the following locations:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 between the hours of 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays);
- The offices of Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, H91 X4K8 during its public opening hours; and;

An electronic copy of the plans and particulars and the NIS may also be viewed and downloaded from the following website from Monday, 17th November 2025 until Monday, 12th January 2026 (inclusive): <https://KingstonParkMillersLane.com/>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("The Commission") of 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 not later than 5:30pm on Monday, 12th January 2026 relating to the following:

I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned;

II. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and

III. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site.

The Commission may, in respect of a Section 177AE application for development, decide to:

- I. Give approval to the application for development with or without conditions, or
- II. May refuse the application for development.

Any person may question the validity of any such decision by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. no. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'information on cases/ weekly lists — Judicial Review of Planning Decisions' on the Commission's website (www.Pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website (www.CitizensInformation.ie).

The deadline for receipt of submissions or observations to An Coimisiún Pleanála is Monday, 12th January 2026 at 5:30 PM.

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**AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ)
FÓGRA MAIDIR LE FORBAIRT ATÁ BEARTAITHE AG COMHAIRLE CATHRACH NA GAILLIMHE
AINM AN TIONSCADAIL: PÁIRC BHAILE AN RÍ AGUS LÁNA AN MHUILLINN
- TIONSCADAIL PÁIRCE PHOIBLÍ AGUS RÉIMSE UIRBEACH**

De réir fhorálacha alt 177AE(4) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (arna leasú), tugtar fógra leis seo go bhfuil Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe ag lorg faomhadh ón gCoimisiún Pleanála i leith oibreacha:

1. Ar Lána an Mhuilinn (atá suite ar Bhóthar an L-5000 agus ar Lána an Mhuilinn) i mbaile fearainn Rathúin, i gCathair na Gaillimhe; agus

2. Ar Pháirc Bhaile an Rí atá beartaithe (suite ar an mbóthar áitiúil ar a dtugtar Bóthar Altáin, le rochtain ón mBóthar Dáileacháin Thiar) i mbailte fearainn an Chlaí Bháin agus Rathúin i gCathair na Gaillimhe.

Is éard atá i gceist leis an bhforbairt atá beartaithe ná:

Athchóiriú agus leathnú ar an bpáirc atá ann cheana (achar an tsuimh 2.44Ha) ar **Lána an Mhuilinn**, lena n-áirítear:

I. 2 pháirc pheile atá ann cheana a athlonnó agus a athrú go dtí: 1 pháirc nua 4G le dromchla sintéiseach scaitithe uirthi, (deartha do thoisí páirce sacair) an sconsa a bhaineann léi agus 6 thuilsholas; agus 1 pháirc shintéiseach nua 2 G líonta le gainimh (deartha chuna bheith in oiriúint de réir toisí don haca), an sconsa a bhaineann léi agus 6 thuilsholas.

II. Foirgneamh dhá stór nua ilfheidhmeach lena n-áirítear: seomraí feistis don phobal agus d'fhoirne spóirt, cithfhócadáin agus leithris; halla spóirt ilfheidhme; seomraí gníomhaíochta ilfheidhme; cistin bheag; 2 ardán féachana; seomra garchabhrach; seomraí stórála; seomraí plandaí; ionad fáiltithe; agus painéil ghréine ar an díon.

III. Spásanna poiblí agus áiseanna nua lena n-áirítear: áit súgartha le sconsa air do pháistí; cosáin inmheánacha; áit le haghaidh cluichí éagsúla; balla dreachadóireachta; ionad callaistíneach; plás poiblí; áiteanna óna mbeidh feiceáil ag an lucht ar an bpáirc; seid le trealamh a stóráil ann; spás glas don chaitheamh aimsire ciúin; soilsiú poiblí; agus suíocháin poiblí.

IV. Tírdhreachú cuimsitheach (lena n-áirítear géinis agus speicis dhúchasacha) agus bearta draenála bunaithe ar an nádúr, lena n-áirítear gairdíní báistí a chuidíonn le pailneoirí agus ceantair bhith-choinneála, pabháil féarach treisithe, fála sceaigh dúchasacha, móinéir le bláthanna gearr-shaolacha iontu, gairdíní le bláthanna fiáine iontu, limistéir faoi chrainn atá dúchasach agus nádúrtaí agus sceaigh agus plandaí ilbhiantúla atá báil le pailneoirí.

V. An bealach isteach d'fheithiclí ar Bhóthar an L-5000 a athlonnó; 2 bhealach isteach nua don taisteal gníomhach a chur ar Bhóthar an L-5000, agus feabhas a chur ar an mbealach isteach do choisithe agus do rothaithe ó Lána an Mhuilinn.

VI. 27 spás páirceála (2 spás luchtaithe EV caighdeánacha, 1 spás inrochtana, 1 spás ina bhfuil spás luchtaithe EV agus spás inrochtana le chéile, 1 spás do theaghlaigh, agus 1 spás aoisbhách), 2 spás do chóistí le daoine a scaoileadh amach agus iad rialaithe go huathoibríoch, 3 spás do ghluaisrothair, agus 64 spás do rothair (40 acu gearrthéarmach agus caighdeánach, 2 spás gearrthéarmach do rothair lastais, agus seid sábháilte do rothair, 20 acu caighdeánach agus 2 do rothair lastais).

An forbairt ar an leath thuaidh de **Pháirc Bhaile an Rí** atá beartaithe (achar an tsuimh 3.43Ha), lena n-áirítear:

I. Páirc nua shintéiseach féarach 4 G féiliúnach do chinéalacha éagsúla spóirt (deartha ar thoisí atá oiriúnach don rugbaí), chomh maith leis an sconsa cuí agus 6 thuilsholas.

II. Foirgneamh dhá stór nua ilfheidhmeach lena n-áirítear seomraí feistis don phobal agus d'fhoirne spóirt, leithris agus cithfhócadáin (cithfhócadáin chaighdeánacha agus inrochtana); halla ginearálta ilfheidhme dhá oiread an ghnáth airde le suíocháin in-aistarraingthe ann; seomraí gníomhaíochta ilfheidhme lena n-áirítear 3 sheomra ag breathnú díreach amach ar an bpáirc imeartha; bothán tráchtairíochta; caifé agus seirbhís; seomra céadfach; seomra garchabhrach; seomra stórála; seomra plandaí; ionad fáiltithe; agus painéil ghréine ar an díon.

III. Spásanna agus áiseanna nua don phobal lena n-áirítear áit súgartha do gach aois; seomra ranga/amfiteatar amuigh faoi aer; cosáin inmheánacha; ionad ilfheidhme le haghaidh cluichíocht; faiche le haghaidh cluichí neamhfhoirmiúla; páirc boules; ionad callaistíneach; spás taibhithe; plás táirsi do choisithe; both don fhoireann i rannóg na bpáirceanna; stóras le haghaidh bruscar; seid le haghaidh trealamh spóirt; soilsiú poiblí; agus suíocháin poiblí.

IV. Tírdhreachú cuimsitheach (lena n-áirítear géinis agus speicis dhúchasacha) agus bearta draenála bunaithe ar an nádúr, lena n-áirítear gairdíní báistí a chuidíonn le pailneoirí agus ceantair bhith-choinneála, pabháil féarach treisithe, fála sceaigh dúchasacha, móinéir le bláthanna gearr-shaolacha agus fad - saolacha iontu, gairdíní le bláthanna fiáine iontu agus plandaí ilbhiantúla atá báil le pailneoirí; coillearnach dhúchasach agus nádúrtaí agus fársa agus toir ilbhiantúla atá báil le pailneoirí.

V. An bealach isteach / an t-acomhal chuig an suíomh ar Bhóthar Altáin d'fheithiclí a athrú, agus mionathrú a dhéanamh ar an mbóthar rochtana nua a ceadáil faoin bhforbairt ar an Ionad Uisce (Tagairt Pheanála 24/60370) chun cuntas a thabhairt ar leagan amach na forbartha seo atá beartaithe.

VI. Obair fheabhsúcháin ar an mbealach don taisteal gníomhach atá ó Dhoire Gheal cheana féin, feabhas ar an gceangal le Scoil Náisiúnta St John the Apostle, Cnoc na Cathrach (trí 'Bealach Sábháilte chun na Scoile'), bealaí nua don taisteal gníomhach nua ó Bhóthar Altáin, agus fóráil do 2 bhealach isteach a d'fhéadfadh a bheith sa todhchaí ar thailte soir uaidh (ar an taobh thoir thuaidh de Ghairdíní Bhaile an Rí).

VII. 50 spás páirceála (lena n-áirítear 4 spás luchtaithe EV caighdeánach, 3 spás inrochtana, 1 spás ina bhfuil áis luchtaithe EV agus spás inrochtana le chéile, agus 1 spás aoisbhách), 1 spás páirceála do chóistí, 1 spás ina bhféadfar daoine a scaoileadh amach, 82 spás do rothair (60 acu gearrthéarmach agus caighdeánach, agus seid sábháilte do rothair, 20 acu caighdeánach agus 2 le haghaidh rothair lastais) agus 2 spás do ghluaisrothair.

Aon obair eile atá bainteach agus cúntach.

Ullmhaíodh Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (RTN) maidir leis an bhforbairt seo atá beartaithe.

Is féidir na pleananna agus na sonraíochtaí don fhorbairt atá beartaithe, lena n-áirítear an RTN, a fheiceáil agus beidh siad ar fáil lena scrúdú nó lena gceannach ar tháille nach sáráidh costas réasúnta cóipeála, ar feadh tréimhse 6 seachtaine ón Luan 17 Samhain 2025 go dtí an Luan 12 Eanáir 2026 (an dáta deiridh san áireamh), (cuireadh fad leis an tréimhse mar gheall ar na laethanta saoire) sna háiteanna seo a leanas:

- Oifigí an Coimisiúin Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaolbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902, idir 9:15rn agus 5:30in, Luan go hAoine (gan laethanta saoire poiblí a bheith san áireamh);
- Oifigí Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe, Áras na Cathrach, Bóthar an Choláiste, Gaillimh, H91 X4K8, le linn a huaireanta oscailte don phobal; agus

Is féidir cóip leictreonach de na pleananna, na sonraíochtaí agus an RTN a fheiceáil agus a íoslódáil ón suíomh gréasáin seo a leanas ón Luan 17 Samhain 2025 go dtí an Luan 12 Eanáir 2026 (an dáta deiridh san áireamh): <https://KingstonParkMillersLane.com/>.

Is chuig an gCoimisiún Pleanála ('An Coimisiún') amháin, ag 64 Sráid Mhaolbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902, a fhéadfar aighneachtaí agus tuairimí a sheoladh roimh 5:30in ar an Luan 12 Eanáir 2026, maidir leis na nithe seo a leanas:

I. Na himpleachtaí a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag an bhforbairt atá beartaithe ar an bpleanála chúil agus ar an bhforbairt inbhuanaithe sa cheantar lena mbaineann;

II. Na héifeachtaí a mheastar a bheidh ag an bhforbairt atá beartaithe ar an gcomhshaoil; agus

III. Na héifeachtaí suntasacha a mheastar a bheidh ag an bhforbairt atá beartaithe ar shuíomh Eorpach.

Féadfaidh an Coimisiún, i ndáil le hiarratas faoi alt 177AE maidir le forbairt:

- An t-iarratas i leith na forbartha a cheadú, le coinníollacha nó gan aon choinníollacha
- Diúltú don iarratas forbartha.

Féadfaidh aon duine bailíocht aon chinnidh dá leithéid a cheistiú trí iarratas ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach, de bhun Ordú 84 de Rialacha na gCúirteanna Uachtaraigh (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986, arna leasú le I.R. Uimh. 691 de 2011); de réir alt 50 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (arna leasú). Is féidir eolas praiticiúil maidir leis an gcóras athbhreithnithe a fháil faoi gceannnteideal 'Eolas ar chásanna / liostaí seachtainiúla — Athbhreithniú Breithiúnach ar Chinní Pleanála' ar shuíomh gréasáin an Coimisiúin (www.Pleanala.ie) nó ar shuíomh gréasáin an tSeirbhís Eolais do Shaoirínigh (www.CitizensInformation.ie).

Is é an Luan 12 Eanáir 2026 ag 5:30in an spriocdháta le haghaidh aighneachtaí nó tuairimí a sheoladh chuig An gCoimisiún Pleanála.