‘It will take a very long time’ to resolve passenger cap row

IAA chief predicts significant delay in axing 32m limit

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It is likely to be a “very long time” before the passenger cap issue at Dublin Airport is resolved, the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) has said.

It made the prediction in a decision linked to its determination of future allowable passenger charges at the gateway between 2027 and 2031.

During the summer, the Government passed legislation that will allow the Transport Minister to make an order to amend or remove the existing passenger cap at Dublin Airport.

However, that process is fraught with potential environmental and legal hurdles that are likely to significantly delay any government decision to amend or remove the cap.

A planning condition imposed almost 20 years ago linked to the construction of Terminal 2 means annual traffic at Dublin Airport is limited to 32 million passengers.

The IAA has now disagreed with Dublin Airport’s suggestion that there is now a high or significant degree of certainty that, once passenger demand reaches 40 million a year, annual passenger volumes will in practice be 40 million a year between 2027 and 2031.

Dublin Airport argued the IAA should include mechanisms for raising the maximum passenger charges between 2027 and 2031 by taking account of the requested 40 million per annum passenger cap in its slot co-ordination parameters. The IAA has rejected its proposal.

“Given the positions adopted by various parties, including DAA, there are complex legal and technical issues which would require to be resolved in respect of any passenger cap,” according to the IAA, whether in respect of the existing cap or a 40 million annual cap.

“Those will require to be resolved either in the proceedings which are already ongoing and/or in potential future proceedings.” The IAA said Dublin Airport’s suggestion that passenger volumes will be 40 million per annum between 2027 and 2031 appears to rely on a number of assumptions.

They include, noted the IAA, that “the minister will decide to amend the 32 million passenger per annum conditions to the 40 million passengers per annum conditions, in good time for/ahead of 2028, and that order will then survive any legal challenge”.

The IAA is now just weeks away from making a final decision in relation to the maximum passenger charges Dublin Airport will be permitted to levy between 2027 and 2031.

In a draft determination published earlier this year, the IAA has proposed that Dublin Airport be permitted to impose just a nominal maximum charge of €8.85 per passenger for 2027.

DAA had sought an €11.14 base price cap for next year. It had also sought a €12.86 average base price cap for the 2027-2031 period. That included a maximum charge of €13.85 by 2030 and €14.99 by 2031. But the maximum the IAA envisages is around €11.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

FÓGRA DE BHUN ALT 51(3)(A) D’ACHT NA MBÓITHRE, 1993 (ARNA LEASÚ), I NDÁIL LE HIARRATAS AR FHORBAIRT BHÓTHAIR BHEARTAITHE A CHEADÚ AGUS LE RÁITEAS TIONCHAIR TIMPEALLACHTA A THÍOLACADH

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

GLASBHEALACH UIRBEACH NA CANÁLACH RÍOGA

Rinne Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall (“an tÚdarás Bóithre”) iarratas faoi alt 51(2) d’Acht na mBóithre, 1993 (arna leasú), chuig an gCoimisiún Pleanála (“an Coimisiún”) ar cheadú i ndáil le forbairt bhóthair bheartaithe arb é a bheidh inti glasbhealach comhroinnte coisithe agus rothar thart ar 8.1 km a thógáil feadh chosán tarraingthe na Canálach Ríoga agus in aice leis, ag síneadh ó theorainn Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara san iarthar go Droichead an Talbóidigh (Seanbhóthar na hUaimhe) san oirthear, áit a nascfar é le Glasbhealach Bhaile an Ásaigh atá críochnaithe. Tógfar an fhorbairt bheartaithe i mbailte fearainn Pháirc San Caitríona, Coldblow, Bhaile an Bhaspailigh, Chnoc an Scioból, Bhaile an Bhearbóraigh, Chluain Saileach, Bhaile Uí Cheallaigh, Bhaile an Phóirtéaraigh, Bhaile an Diosualaigh, Mhóinteán na gCaorach, Bhaile an Chairpintéaraigh, agus Bhaile Bhlainséir, mar atá léirithe sa léarscáil thíos.

Áireofar na hoibreacha seo a leanas leis an bhForbairt Bheartaithe:

- An bealach glasbhealaigh a thógáil, lena n-áireofar na cosáin agus na dromchlaí seo a leanas:
  - Cuid 1 – dromchla neamhcheangailte (2 m go 3 m ar leithead) ó Theorainn Chontae Chill Dara go Droichead Iarnróid Pháirc Hans (Sl. 0 m go 3200 m).
  - Cuid 2 – dromchla biotúmanach (3 m go 4 m ar leithead) feadh fhormhór na coda, cé is moite de chlárchosán starrmhaidí coincréite réamhtheilgthe idir thart ar Sl. 4140 m agus 4540 m.
  - Cuid 3 – dromchla biotúmanach (4 m ar leithead) feadh fhormhór na coda, dromchlaí coincréite in-situ, agus codanna de chlárchosán ardaithe mar gheall ar an topagrafaíocht áitiúil.
- Claífoirt agus déanmhais choinneála ag láithreacha éagsúla chun dálaí talún a chobhsú.
- trí thrasrian shoilsithe thúcánacha (4 m ar leithead) agus trasrian síogach amháin ag comhéadain bhóthair feadh an bhealaigh.
- Soilsiú a shuiteáil idir Droichead Iarnróid Pháirc Hans agus an 12ú Loc (thart ar Sl. 3200 m go Sl. 8100 m).
- Coigeartuithe ar leibhéal na talún feadh an chomhéadain le Páirc Delwood, lena n-áireofar leibhéil cosán a ísliú agus fál pailise adhmaid 2 m ar airde a thógáil ar a bhfuil mogall frithdhreaptha (Sl. 6200 m go 6800 m).
- Droichead an Chairéil a thógáil, rud a bheidh ina dhroichead aonréise bíomaí cruaiche comhchodaí agus deice coincréite 30 m a shínfidh thar chairéal stairiúil ar bhruach thuaidh na Canálach Ríoga (Sl. +6500 m), agus na codanna gaolmhara clárchosáin a thógáil.
- Plandú príobháideachta agus ráillí feadh limistéar Fhaiche Brompton chun na fálta teorann láithreacha a fhorlíonadh.
- Droichead an tSainchomhartha Tíre a thógáil, rud a bheidh ina dhroichead cruaiche a bheidh thart ar 235 m ar fad agus a mbeidh réise aonair uasta 30 m aige, a thrasnóidh an Chanáil Ríoga (Sl. 7115 m go 7350 m), agus na codanna gaolmhara rampaí a thógáil.
- Íosbhealach a thochailt agus a thógáil faoi Bhóthar Chaisleán Cnucha ar an taobh theas de Dhroichead Ghránaird (Sl. +7770 m).
- Páirc Phóca a fhorbairt ag Páirc Hans, rud ina mbeidh móinéar bláthanna fiáine, fálta sceacha dúchasacha, sleamhnán claífoirt, limistéar súgartha neamhfhoirmiúil, binsí, agus tírdhreachú gaolmhar.
- Limistéir scíthe a sholáthar feadh an bhealaigh, lena n-áireofar láithreacha páirceála rothar, binsí, agus an tírdhreachú gaolmhar.
- Dhá réadmhaoin chónaithe láithreacha agus déanmhais choimhdeacha ghaolmhara i gcomharsanacht Bhóthar Pháirc Hans a bhaint chun cur i gcrích ailíniú an ghlasbhealaigh agus an bhonneagair ghaolmhair páirce póca a éascú.
- Oibreacha tírdhreachaithe agus athchóirithe, lena n-áireofar crainn, fálta sceach agus fásra roghnaithe a bhaint, i gcás gur gá, agus plandú athsholáthair a dhéanamh trí úsáid a bhaint as speicis dhúchasacha agus as speicis nádúraithe.
- Déanfar compúin shealadacha láithreáin, limistéir stórála, agus socruithe rochtana tógála a chur ar ais ina mbunriocht nuair a bheidh na hoibreacha críochnaithe.
- Na hoibreacha gaolmhara agus coimhdeacha go léir, lena n-áireofar tochailt agus oibreacha créfoirt, suiteáil, atreorú agus cosaint fóntas agus seirbhísí lena n-áireofar draenáil, fálta, teorainneacha, oibreacha bóthair lena n-áireofar comharthaíocht, soilsiú poiblí, marcanna bóthair, agus soilse tráchta.

Is lena húsáid go heisiach ag rothaithe cos agus ag coisithe atá an fhorbairt Bheartaithe. Cuireadh Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin de réir alt 50 (d’Acht na mBóithre, 1993 (arna leasú)) i leith na forbartha bóthair beartaithe. Is Déanmhas Cosanta í an Chanáil Ríoga (RPS 944a, lena n-áirítear an 10ú Loc – 944b, an 11ú Loc – 944c, agus an 12ú Loc – 944d), mar aon le Droichead Uí Cheallacháin (RPS 706).

Beidh cóip den Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta agus de Phleananna agus Sonraí na Forbartha Beartaithe ar fáil lena hiniúchadh nó lena ceannach ar tháille nach mó ná an costas réasúnach a bhaineann le cóip a dhéanamh idir 9am agus 1pm agus idir 2pm agus 4pm, ó Luan go hAoine (gan laethanta saoire poiblí a áireamh), ar feadh tréimhse nach lú ná sé seachtaine ag: An Rannóg Pleanála, Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall, Áras an Chontae, An Phríomhshráid, Sord, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath, K67 X8Y2, ag Deasc Fáiltithe Oifigí Cathartha Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall, Bóthar an Gharráin, Baile Bhlainséir, Baile Átha Cliath 15, D15 W638, agus ag Deasc Fáiltithe an Choimisiúin Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902.

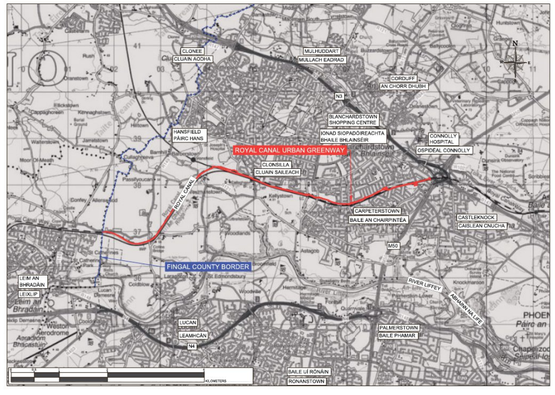
Beidh cóip den Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta agus de Phleananna agus Sonraí na Forbartha Beartaithe ar fáil lena hiniúchadh ar líne freisin le linn na tréimhse ama thuas ag www.pleanala.ie agus ag consult.fingal.ie/en/browse

I ndáil le hiarratas ar cheadú faoi alt 51 d’Acht na mBóithre, 1993 (arna leasú), féadfaidh an Coimisiún Pleanála, le hordú, an fhorbairt bheartaithe a cheadú, fara nó d’éagmais modhnuithe, nó féadfaidh sé diúltú forbairt den sórt sin, nó aon chuid di, a cheadú.

Féadfar aighneachtaí agus tuairimí maidir leo seo a dhéanamh i scríbhinn chuig an gCoimisiún Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath, D01 V902, ón **Luain an 16 Samhain 2026 go dtí am scoir gnó Dé Luain an 11 Eanáir 2027: 1)** Impleachtaí na Forbartha Beartaithe do phleanáil chuí agus forbairt inchothaithe sa limistéar lena mbaineann; 2) Na héifeachtaí is dóigh a bheidh ag an bhForbairt Bheartaithe ar an gcomhshaol; agus 3) Na héifeachtaí suntasacha is dóigh a bheidh ag an bhForbairt Bheartaithe ar Láithreán Eorpach, má dhéantar í. Ní foláir táille €50 a bheith ag gabháil le haon aighneacht/tuairim.Níl feidhm ag an táille sin maidir le comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe ná maidir le húinéirí maoine agus daoine eile a bhfuil leas dlíthiúil acu i dtalamh agus atá ag agóid i gcoinne fáil éigeantach talún a bhfuil leas den sórt sin acu ann i gcás fála éigeantaí. Is féidir aighneachtaí a bhfuil táille ag gabháil leo a dhéanamh tríd an bpost (chuig: An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath, D01 V902), go pearsanta, agus trí thairseach aighneachta ar líne an Choimisiúin ag https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation. Maidir le haighneachtaí nach bhfuil táille ag teastáil ina leith, mar atá leagtha amach thuas, is féidir iad a dhéanamh tríd an bpost, go pearsanta, agus trí ríomhphost chuig laps@pleanala.ie, agus ní foláir iad a bheith faighte ag an gCoimisiún Pleanála tráth nach déanaí ná **17:30 Dé Luain an 11 Eanáir 2027.**

Féadfaidh duine bailíocht aon chinnidh den sórt sin ón gCoimisiún Pleanála a cheistiú trí bhíthin iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach, faoi Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986), de réir alt 50 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú. Féadfar faisnéis phraiticiúil faoin sásra athbhreithnithe a rochtain ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Choimisiúin ag www.pleanala.ie nó ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Bhoird um Fhaisnéis do Shaoránaigh ag www.citizensinformation.ie

Ba cheart a thabhairt faoi deara go bhfuil feidhm ag an Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise maidir leis na taifid uile atá ina seilbh ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall.




Actress Florence Pugh at the ‘East of Eden’ premiere in New York City

Pugh reveals three rules for ‘protecting’ herself on set

ANNABEL NUGENT

Florence Pugh has laid out her three rules for “protecting” herself on a film set.

The Oscar-nominated star (30) of *Little Women* and *Dune* has worked on some of the largest and most expensive film sets in the world – and learnt several lessons along the way.

In a new interview with *Elle*, the British actor spoke about how she is getting “better and better” at “protecting” herself and not accepting “bullshit behaviour” when shooting a film.

Her outlook, she said, boils down to three rules for herself and the professionals she works with: “Show up on time, don’t be rude, don’t be a misogynist.”

“Every time I work on a movie, I get more confident in the way that I can protect myself and the way that I can lead a film set, and just not stand for bullshit any more,” she told the publication.

“I’m not doing it. I’m not standing for bullshit behaviour. I’m not standing for bullshit attitude. I’m not allowing for people to be rude to the crew.”

Pugh added: “You just get bolder and bigger and more confident with time, and you want to be around and work with the right people.”

Speaking about how important it is to maintain a harmonious feeling with the cast and crew, she added that “the moment someone is making that vibe feel off, everybody feels it”.

“I don’t want to deal with messy,” she said.

Pugh has been a vocal champion against misogyny both in the film industry and outside of it.

In September, the actor doubled down in accusing Instagram of censoring her message publicly condemning the Cornell 7, the name given online to the seven male students accused of drugging and gang-raping their female classmate at Cornell University in 2024.

Speaking about the post in the *Elle* interview, Pugh said: “No one f**king censors me. Don’t even try. That’s just going to add fuel to the fire.”

The actor has previously said that she had felt the need to speak out about the case on behalf of “all women”, adding that the fear of rape “lives in our bodies”.

“When stories like this come out and it’s really not picked up in the way that you hope it’s picked up, it makes me feel scared, it makes me feel anxious, it made me feel so much rage,” she said. “I’m lucky enough to do what I do and I have a platform and I wanted to talk about it.”

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(3)(A) OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 (AS AMENDED) IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

ROYAL CANAL URBAN GREENWAY

Fingal County Council (“the Road Authority”) has applied under section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) to An Coimisiún Pleanála (“the Coimisiún”) for approval in relation to a proposed road development consisting of the construction of an approximately 8.1km shared pedestrian and cycle greenway along and adjacent to the Royal Canal towpath, extending from the Kildare County Council boundary in the west to Talbot Bridge (Old Navan Road) in the east, where it will tie into the completed Ashtown Greenway. The proposed development will be constructed in the townlands of St. Catherine’s Park, Coldblow, Westmanstown, Barnhill, Barberstown, Clonsilla, Kellystown, Porterstown, Diswellstown, Sheepmoor, Carpenterstown and Blanchardstown, as illustrated in the map below.

The Proposed Development will include the following works:

- Construction of the greenway route, including the following pavements and surfacing:
  - Section 1 – unbound surface (width 2-3m) from Kildare County Border to Hansfield Railway Bridge (Ch. 0 – 3200m).
  - Section 2 – bituminous surface (3-4m width) for the majority of the section, with the exception of pre-cast concrete cantilevered boardwalk from approx. Ch. 4140 - 4540.
  - Section 3 - bituminous surface (4m width) for the majority of the section, in-situ concrete surfacing and portions of raised boardwalk due to local topography.
- Embankments and retaining structures at various locations to stabilise ground conditions.
- 3 no. toucan signalised crossings (4m wide) and 1 no. zebra crossing at road interfaces along the route.
- Lighting installation between Hansfield Railway Bridge and the 12th Lock (approx Ch. 3200m to Ch. 8100m).
- Ground level adjustments along the interface with Delwood Park including lowering of path levels and the construction of a 2m high timber palisade fence with anti climb mesh (Ch. 6200 – 6800).
- Construction of the Quarry Bridge, a 30m single span composite steel beam and concrete deck bridge spanning a historic quarry on the northern bank of the Royal Canal (Ch. +6500m) and associated boardwalk sections.
- Privacy planting and railings along the Brompton green area to supplement existing boundary fencing.
- Construction of the Landmark Bridge, a steel bridge approximately 235m in length with a maximum single span of 30m, traversing the Royal Canal (Ch. 7115m to 7350m) and associated ramped sections.
- Excavation and construction of an underpass beneath Castleknock Road on the southern side of Granard Bridge (Ch. +7770).
- Development of a Pocket Park at Hansfield, incorporating a wildflower meadow, native hedgerow, embankment slide, informal play area, benches and associated landscaping.
- Provision of rest areas along the route, including bicycle parking stands, benches and associated landscaping.
- Removal of two existing residential properties and associated ancillary structures in the vicinity of Hansfield Road in order to facilitate the delivery of the greenway alignment and associated pocket park infrastructure.
- Landscape and reinstatement works, including removal of selected trees, hedgerows and vegetation, where required and replacement planting using native and naturalised species.
- Temporary site compounds, storage areas, and construction access arrangements will be reinstated upon completion of the works.
- All associated and ancillary works, including excavation and earthworks, installation, diversion and protection of utilities and services including drainage, fencing, boundaries, roadworks including signage, public lighting, road markings and traffic signals.

The Proposed Development is for the exclusive use of pedal cyclists and pedestrians. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been submitted to the Commission in accordance with section 50 (of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) in respect of the proposed road development. The Royal Canal is a Protected Structure (RPS 944a, including 10th Lock 944b, 11th Lock 944c and 12th Lock 944d), along with Callaghan Bridge (RPS 706).

A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Plans & Particulars of the Proposed Development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy between the hours of 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday (exclusive of public holidays), for a period of not less than 6 weeks at: The Planning Section, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin, K67 X8Y2, at The Reception Desk, Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638 and at the Reception Desk of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Dublin 1, D01 V902. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Plans & Particulars of the Proposed Development are also available for inspection online during the above timeframe at www.pleanala.ie and at consult.fingal.ie/en/browse

An Coimisiún Pleanála may, in relation to an application for approval under Section 51 of the 1993 Roads Act (as amended), by order, approve the proposed development with or without modifications or it may refuse such development or any part thereof.

Submissions and observations may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902 from **Monday the 16th of November 2026 until the close of business on Monday the 11th of January 2027** in relation to: 1) The implications of the Proposed Development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned; 2) The likely effects on the environment of the Proposed Development; and 3) The likely significant effects of the Proposed Development on a European Site, if carried out. Any submission/observation must be accompanied by a fee of €50.This fee does not apply to certain prescribed bodies or to property owners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in with they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case. Submissions with a fee can be made via post (to: An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902), in person and via the Commission’s online submission portal https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation. Submissions where, as set out above, a fee is not required can be made via post, in person and via email to laps@pleanala.ie and must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than **17:30 hours on Monday the 11th of January 2027.**

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 (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information website www.citizensinformation.ie

It should be noted that the Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by Fingal County Council.

