

**Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016
Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017**

**Notice of Strategic Housing Development
Application to An Bord Pleanála**

We, Crown Square Developments Ltd. intend to apply for a ten-year planning permission for development at this site of the former Crown Equipment site, at the junction of Monivea Road and Joyces Road, Mervue, Galway. The proposed development comprises Phase II of a mixed-use scheme previously permitted under Galway City Council PI Ref 18/363 and forms part of a larger landholding which extends to 51,148 sqm in total.

The development will consist of:

- A residential scheme comprising 288 no. apartments and amenity accommodation with a gross floor area of 32,379 sqm, which will include
 - Block G (104 no. units); Block H (136 no. units) and Block J (48 no. units).
 - 75 no. one-beds (26%); 185 no. two-beds (64.2%); and 28 no. three-bed units (9.7%)
 - Ancillary residential amenity areas (1,275 sqm).
 - Block G extends to eight-storeys, Block H extends to seven-storeys and Block J extends to five-storeys.
 - External balconies are provided on all elevations.
- A commercial scheme with a cumulative gross floor area of 4,096 sqm, which will include:
 - A neighbourhood facility comprising a restaurant (500 sqm), café (50 sqm), local convenience store (225 sqm), a pharmacy (200 sqm), 5 no. retail/commercial units (797 sqm in total), a crèche (310 sqm)
 - A fitness/leisure facility (1,140 sqm); and
 - A medical centre (655 sqm).
- Public realm and landscaping works, including pedestrian and cyclist linkages.
- Vehicular access to the double basement permitted under PI Ref 18/363 and the allocation of 288 no. car parking spaces located on the lower basement level to service the residential units. Visitor car parking will be provided on the upper basement level and will be managed in accordance with an Operational Management Plan and a Mobility Management Plan.
- The provision of a dedicated cyclist ramp and 733 no. secure bicycle parking spaces located in the upper basement permitted under PI Ref 18/363 (comprising 529 no. residential; 144 visitor parking and 60 no. bicycle parking spaces to service the neighbourhood facility).
- All other associated site development, plant and servicing works.
- The application will be supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement.

The application contains a statement setting out how the proposal will be consistent with the objectives of the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The application together with an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement, may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours at the offices of An Bord Pleanála and Galway City Council. The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.crownsquareSHD.com.

Any person may, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by An Bord Pleanála of the application and on payment of the prescribed fee of €20 (except for certain prescribed bodies), make a submission or observations in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, relating to the implications of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area or areas concerned, and the likely effects on the environment or the likely effects on a European site, as the case may be, of the proposed development, if carried out. Submissions or observations duly made will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application. Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:

- (a) the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observations, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- (b) the subject matter of the submission or observations, and
- (c) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observations is or are based.

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission for the strategic housing development as proposed, or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision, or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision, or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Housing Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of a decision of An Bord 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 sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be found in the Judicial Review Notice on the An Bord Pleanála's website: www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.

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IF THE HAT FITS . . .



Sr Angela, RJM; Sr Bridget OP and Sr Rose, RJM, trying hats for size at the Galway International Food and Craft Festival in Salthill Park last weekend.

Jazz and blues turn green for Galway festival

Organisers reveal plans to cut air miles in support of climate action

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THE blues and jazz might be synonymous with each other, but this year's Galway Jazz Festival will have a distinctly green tinge following a decision by organisers to make climate action a priority - drawing on artists closer to home to cut down on the air miles clocked up in previous years.

Taking place in October, the theme of this year's festival will be sustainability because, according to Festival Manager Ciarán Ryan, doing the same thing as every other year just wasn't an option.

"When we were looking at this, we took a step back to see what we could do. What we could see is there is an opportunity for the arts community to influence people gently.

"A big part of [the festival's] carbon footprint is generated by attendees, but also by flights and the transporting of our artists," explained Mr Ryan.

In an effort to combat this, the organisers have taken steps which will reduce air travel associated with the festival by 30%.

"The climate action movement is moving really fast - way faster than the politicians - so by October, if we can give people an opportunity to get involved, then we should.

"Flying is the elephant in the room because nobody wants to stop using air travel. We've offered slow travel [trains, buses and boats] instead," said Mr Ryan, adding that there would be no individual airport runs to collect artists.

It was discovered that last year, approximately 40 return flights to and from the UK and Europe were used by travelling artists.

Using slow travel alternatives this year will cut down flights by 10%, with the biggest reduction in air miles being achieved by using more artists based in Ireland.

Mr Ryan said the festival organisers had been working

with Galway City Council and the Arts Council to engage with them on the switch to slow transport, something he said was more expensive, but worthwhile.

"We have to fund people who want to do it that way and we hope that by seeing us doing it this year, they might keep that in mind in their funding for us next year.

"This is about getting people to think," he said, adding that if the Government was serious taking action on climate, it had to extend its efforts through all sectors and organisations.

The organisers had also been engaging with many of the restaurants and pubs in town to get agreement that festival-goers will be welcome to have their own water bottles refilled, added Mr Ryan.

"This is all about getting people to think," he said.

The 14th Annual Galway Jazz Festival runs from October 2 to 6, with a full programme of events to be unveiled in August.