



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.

Friday 10th July 2020
[By Hand]

Re: Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Application by Waterford City and County Council, in partnership with Waterford Regional Airport PLC, for approval for the development of an extension to, and widening of, the existing runway at Waterford Regional Airport along with associated works including widening of the taxiway, extension to the car parking area, re-alignment of security fencing, new navigation lighting, underground holding tank, demolition of two existing houses to the north of the runway and alterations to site drainage.

Sir/Madam,

Waterford City and County Council hereby submits an application for approval under Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, for the development of an extension to, and widening of, the existing runway at Waterford Regional Airport along with associated works including widening of the taxiway, extension to the car parking area, re-alignment of security fencing, new navigation lighting, underground holding tank, demolition of two existing houses to the north of the runway and alterations to site drainage.

Waterford Airport is located approximately 8km to the south of Waterford City Centre and approximately 5km north east of Tramore and is accessed from the R708 regional road which connects the facility to Waterford City. The airport and the proposed works are located within the townlands of Lisselan, Killowen, Ballygarran, Monamirtra and Keiloge.

The proposed development would comprise the following principal elements:

- a) Extension of the existing 1,433 metre long runway by 491 metres at its northern end and 363 at its southern end, resulting in a total runway length of 2,287metres;
- b) Widening of the existing and extended runway from 30 metres in width to 45 metres in width;
- c) Widening of the existing taxiway connecting the runway to the Airport Apron from 15 metres in width to 23 metres in width;
- d) New landing lights to the north of the R708 at Keiloge;
- e) Associated alterations to runway lighting, drainage and runway shoulders;
- f) Demolition of two detached houses fronting onto the R708 at Ballygarran, at the northern end of the extended runway;

- g) Construction of a new 205 space car park to the east of the existing car park, in front of the terminal building; and
- h) All associated, drainage, landscaping and site works.

Waterford City and County Council carried out screening of the proposed development to assess the likely effects of the project, either alone or in combination with other projects, upon designated Natura 2000 sites in the vicinity (Stage 1 – AA Screening). This screening exercise concluded that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment would be required in this instance and this application is therefore accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

In addition, an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

Part of the site to which this application relates is subject to the proposed compulsory purchase of land which has previously been submitted for the approval of An Bord Pleanála (Your Ref: PL93.306324).

Schedule of Enclosures:

Planning Report

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

Letter of support from Waterford Regional Airport PLC

Drawings (please refer to enclosed Drawing Register prepared by Frank Fox & Associates):

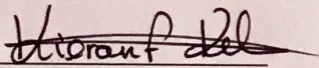
- Site Location Map
- Site Key Plan Layout
- Site Layout
- Runway General Arrangement Layout
- North End Runway Layout
- South End Runway Layout
- Proposed Car Park Layout
- Airport Physical Boundary (Security) Fence Layout
- Overall Airport Drainage Layout
- Airport Car Park Drainage Layout
- Runway Drainage Layout Sheet 1
- Runway Drainage Layout Sheet 2
- Overall Airport Lighting Layout
- Runway Lighting Layout Sheet 1
- Runway Lighting Layout Sheet 2
- Runway South End Cross Section
- Runway General Arrangement Sections
- House Demolition Plan, Ballygarron Upper, Waterford
- Elfield Demolition Plan, Ballygarron Upper, Waterford
- Construction Management Plan
- Car Park Attenuation Calculations

Details of the subject application have been made available online at: <https://www.waterfordcouncil.ie>.

We enclose the prescribed fee of €30,000 in respect of the subject application.

Should you require any further clarification in respect of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran Kehoe', written over a horizontal line.

Kieran Kehoe
Director of Services
Property Management