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Yours sincerely



20 August 2021



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Re: Proposed Mixed-Use Strategic Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of Cloghroe Development Limited who are preparing an application for a Strategic Housing Development (SHD) at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork. The application will be accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Site location maps and a proposed site layout prepared by Deady Gahan Architects accompany this letter. The purpose of this letter is to seek any additional comments Transport Infrastructure Ireland may have and that we should have regard to when preparing the EIAR for the project.

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The subject site of approximately 7.5 hectares in area is situated in the townland of Coolflugh to the southwest of the joint settlements of Cloghroe/Tower, approximately 4km southwest of Blarney. The lands are currently in agricultural use and are irregular in shape consisting of two separate field parcels. The site is bounded to the east by the R617 regional road linking Cloghroe to Blarney and to the south by the Senandale residential development. To the north is a mix of open agricultural lands and one-off dwelling houses with further undeveloped agricultural fields to the west.

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Cc: <u>Harry Walsh | HW Planning</u>

**Subject:** Strategic Housing Development @ Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Co. Cork

**Date:** 30 August 2021 15:22:00

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Dear Ms Whelan/Mr Cassidy,

I was advised to contact the 'Forward Planning' section at the Department of Education regarding my query below.

We act on behalf of Cloghroe Development Limited, who are currently preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) to accompany a Strategic Housing Development (SHD) of 198 no. residential units at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Co. Cork. In the interests of clarity I enclose a copy of the relevant site location mapping and a proposed site layout plan prepared by Deady Gahan Architects.

In preparation of the SHD application/EIAR we are querying if the Department of Education are in a position to share any information regarding the current available spare capacity of primary and secondary schools in the area, and specifically in the settlements of Cloghroe/Tower, Blarney and Ballincollig which we consider provides the majority of schooling needs for the settlement of Tower. Below is a list of both primary and secondary schools in the vicinity which we consider will cater for the educational needs of the proposed development.

Settlement	Primary School
Cloghroe	Cloghroe National School, Cloghroe, Co. Cork, T23 AH2R
Vicarstown	Vicarstown National School, Gilcagh, Co. Cork. P32 DX40
Blarney	Scoil Chroí Íosa, St Ann's Rd, Blarney, Co. Cork, T23 E722
Blarney	Gaelscoil Mhuscraí, Shean Lower, Blarney, Co. Cork, T23 EA29
Kerry Pike	Clogheen Kerry Pike National School, Kerry Pike, Cork, T23 A406
Ballincollig	Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin, Carriganarra, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, P31V242
Ballincollig	Scoil Eoin Buachailli, Station Road, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, P31XW21
Ballincollig	Scoil Mhuire, Pine Walk, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, P31 N265
Ballincollig	Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, P31H578
Ballincollig	Gaelscoil an Chaisleain, Tanner Park, Coolroe, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, P31 DA38

# Settlement Post-Primary School

Blarney Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, T23WP23

Ballincollig Colaiste Choilm, Carrigrohane, Ballincollig, Co. Cork P31 NY77

Ballincollig Ballincollig, Community School, P31 E030

We would be most grateful if you could provide any information regarding the current spare capacity of schools in the area and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Kind Regards

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From: John O"Brien | HW Planning

To: "Michelle Ryan"

Cc: <u>Harry Walsh | HW Planning</u>

Subject: RE: SHD @ Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork

**Date:** 25 May 2021 17:26:00

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**Sent:** 25 November 2020 13:14

**To:** John O'Brien | HW Planning <jobrien@hwplanning.ie> **Cc:** Harry Walsh | HW Planning <hwalsh@hwplanning.ie>

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Cork County Childcare has identified that there would be a need for additional childcare provision in the Blarney/Cloghroe should this new development be completed as approx. 160 of the units may be attractive for young families. There are currently only two full day care facilities in the Blarney area. There are a number of sessional pre-schools in the area also (i.e 3 hours per day).

According to the 2016 CSO data, the total population of Blarney is 2,726. This averages at approximately 259 children under the age of 5. It calculates at approx.. 43 births per year for the area.

The National Childcare Scheme (NCS) commenced in November 2019 <a href="www.ncs.gov.ie">www.ncs.gov.ie</a> This has increased the demand for childcare in the county in particular for younger children and we have already established a shortage of full day care provision in the county based on population figures alone.

I will also refer you to the following documents:

- Universal Design Guidelines for Early Learning and Care Settings. These were published in 2019 <a href="https://aim.gov.ie/universal-design-guidelines-for-elc-settings/">https://aim.gov.ie/universal-design-guidelines-for-elc-settings/</a>
- Quality Regulatory Framework (QRF) for full and part-time services https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/4566-TUSLA\_QRF\_DAY\_CARE\_LR.pdf

If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact me again.

Kind Regards, Michelle

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From: John O"Brien | HW Planning

To: <u>Janet Dennehy</u>

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Subject: RE: SHD @ Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork

**Date:** 25 May 2021 12:02:00

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Hi Janet

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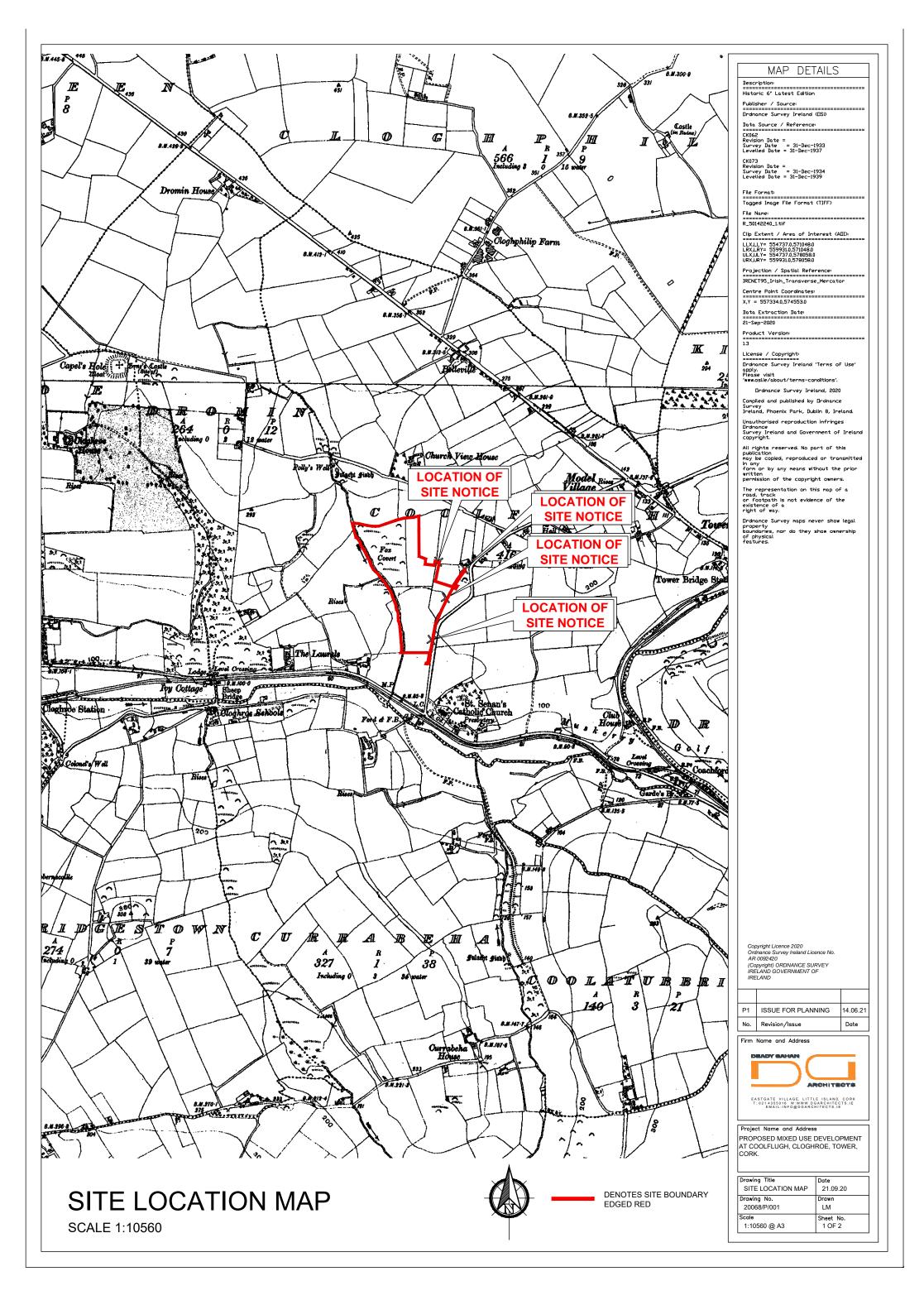
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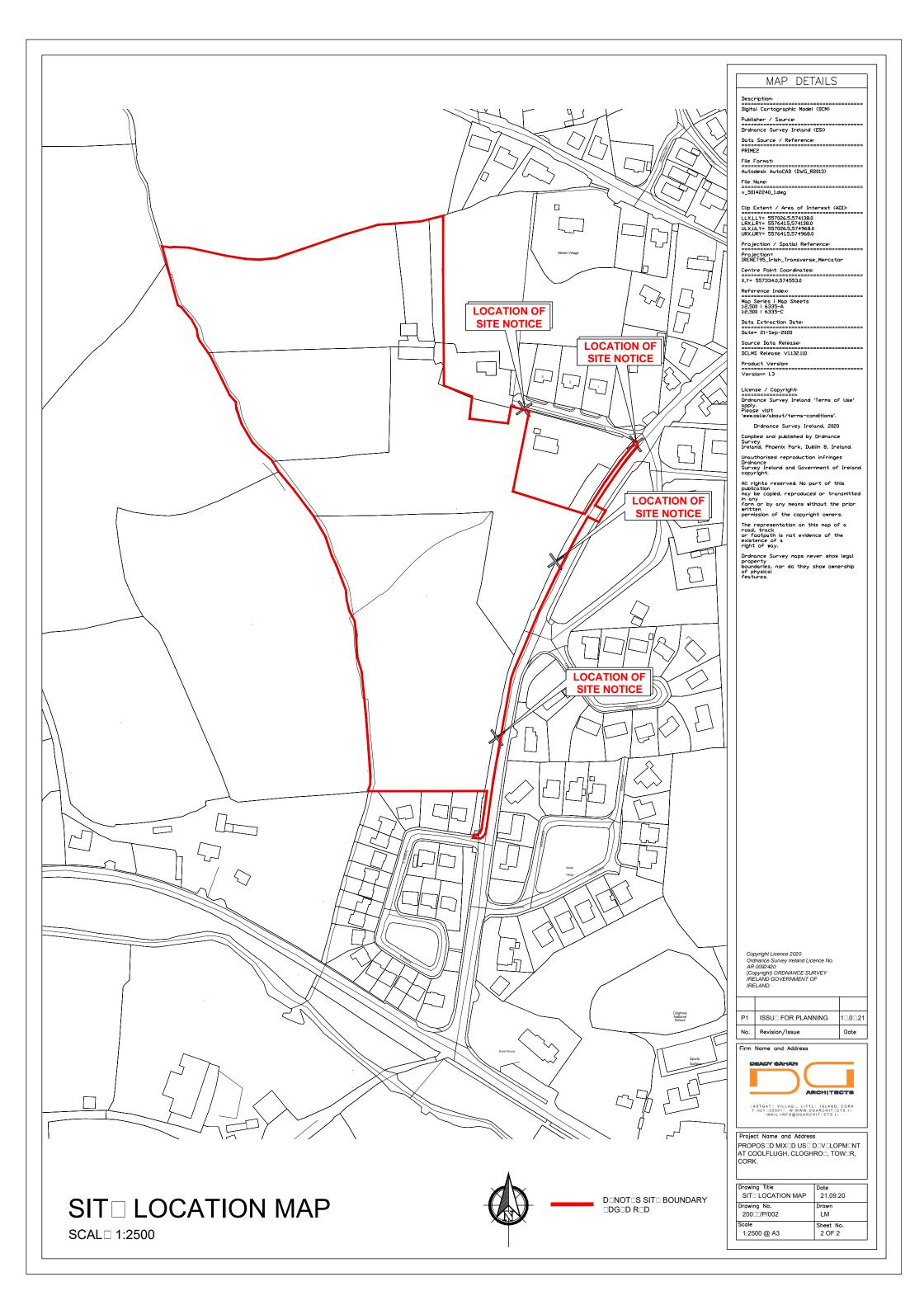
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Cork County Childcare has identified that there would be a need for additional childcare provision in the Blarney/Cloghroe should this new development be completed as approx. 160 of the units may be attractive for young families. There are currently only two full day care facilities in the Blarney area. There are a number of sessional pre-schools in the area also (i.e 3 hours per day).

According to the 2016 CSO data, the total population of Blarney is 2,726. This averages at approximately 259 children under the age of 5. It calculates at approx.. 43 births per year for the area.

The National Childcare Scheme (NCS) commenced in November 2019 <a href="www.ncs.gov.ie">www.ncs.gov.ie</a> This has increased the demand for childcare in the county in particular for younger children and we have already established a shortage of full day care provision in the county based on population figures alone.

I will also refer you to the following documents:

- Universal Design Guidelines for Early Learning and Care Settings. These were published in 2019 <a href="https://aim.gov.ie/universal-design-guidelines-for-elc-settings/">https://aim.gov.ie/universal-design-guidelines-for-elc-settings/</a>
- Quality Regulatory Framework (QRF) for full and part-time services https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/4566-TUSLA\_QRF\_DAY\_CARE\_LR.pdf

If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact me again.

Kind Regards, Michelle

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From: <u>John O"Brien | HW Planning</u>

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Cc: Harry Walsh | HW Planning

**Subject:** RE: SHD @ Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork

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Hi Janet

We act on behalf of Cloghroe Development Limited who intend to submit a Strategic Housing Development (SHD) at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork. You may recall that I contacted you previously regarding this development in November 2020 and we are now progressing towards lodgement of the application in next month. We have been advised that Cork City Childcare Committee is a statutory consultee for the development and we will be providing you with a full copy of the application once submitted. The application will contain a 'Childcare Needs Assessment'.

The proposed development comprises the construction of 198 no. residential units consisting of 117 no. dwelling houses (57 no. four bed, 38 no. 3 bed and 22 no. 2 bed units) and 81 no. apartments/duplexes (4 no. 3 bed, 35 no. 2 bed and 42 no. 1 bed). 27 no. of the proposed apartment units are designed as step-down units for elderly occupants. The proposed development will be served by a two storey 42 no. child capacity creche (circa 405 sqm gross floor area) to be located to the south of proposed entrance. The proposed creche is equipped with a dedicated play area to the rear, drop off facilities and car parking.

We consider the proposed design, location and size of the proposed creche is consistent with current policies and guidance contained in the 'Childcare Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2001', 'Circular PL3/2016' relating to childcare facilities under the early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme, 'Universal Design Guidelines for Early Learning and Care Settings 2019' and the 2018 Apartment Guidelines. Section 4.7 of the 2018 Apartment Guidelines which states that:

"One-bedroom or studio type units should not generally be considered to contribute to a requirement for any childcare provision and subject to location, this may also apply in part or whole, to units with two or more bedrooms".

Of the proposed units, 99 no. are 1 or 2 bedroom units representing 50% of the total number of units on site. Appendix 2 of the 'Childcare Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2001' establishes a standard that where 75 dwellings are constructed, one childcare facility providing a minimum of 20 childcare places is considered reasonable. In accordance with section 4.7 of the 2018 Apartment Guidelines childcare provision is being made in full for the 99 no. 3 and 4 bedroom units in the proposed scheme. The minimum requirement for this number of dwellings would be a 20 no. child capacity creche. The proposal to provide for a 42 -place childcare facility is therefore in excess of and fully complaint with this standard.

The proposed location of the future creche to the south of the proposed residential site entrance represents the most appropriate location within the subject site. From an operational perspective, the proposed location is appropriate given it will be within a short walking distance from Cloghroe National School to the south east and visual presence along the R617 will ensure that the childcare needs for the growing population of Tower will be catered for.

The proposed creche layout has evolved from that previously proposed to provide for the following:

- The area of the proposed baby room has been increased to include additional space for fixed furniture.
- A separate milk preparation space has been included.
- The boiler within the building has been relocated further away from the proposed baby sleeping room. A changing room has been included between sleep room and boiler to mitigate any potential noise issues.
- The relocated changing room has been provided with a window for ventilation.
- The proposed pre-school room has an increased capacity of 20 no. children. This is the

- maximum number of children that can be accommodated on the first floor without the need for a second stairs for fire safety reasons.
- A changing room has been included within the toilet area for the toddler room and a milk preparation area has also been provided.
- The proposed ground floor layout ensures that there is direct access to the proposed external play area for pre-school children when they enter the ground floor corridor.
- In accordance with Tulsa guidelines, there will be 3 no. adults associated with the baby room.
- A proposed sluice room has been included at ground floor level.

We consider the proposed creche facility will serve as an important community asset and will greatly benefit the proposed scheme. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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FW: Proposed Strategic Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork

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Subject: Proposed Strategic Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork

Ann-Marie

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to the above-mentioned.

It appears it is proposed to dispose of septic effluent from the development to the public sewer. IFI would ask that Irish Water signifies there is sufficient capacity in existence so that it does not overload either hydraulically or organically existing treatment facilities or result in polluting matter entering waters. Should this not be the case then please forward proposals for alternative treatment and disposal options.

IFI would ask that there be no interference with, bridging, draining, or culverting of any watercourse its banks or bankside vegetation to facilitate this development without the prior approval of IFI.

Regards

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Subject: Proposed Strategic Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see attached regarding a proposed Strategic Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork. The attached have also been sent to you via hard copy.

Kind regards,

Ann-Marie O'Connell

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From: Manager DAU

To: John O"Brien | HW Planning
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Subject: RE: EIAR/NIS Scoping - National Parks and Wildlife Service - Proposed Mixed-Use Strategic Housing

Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork.

**Date:** 15 September 2021 16:16:53

Our Ref: G Pre00243/2021 (Please quote in all related correspondence)

# A Chara

I acknowledge receipt of your recent consultation.

In the event of observations, you will receive a co-ordinated heritage-related response by email from Development Applications Unit (DAU).

The normal target turnaround for pre-planning and other general consultations is six weeks from date of receipt. In relation to general consultations from public bodies under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 to 2011, the Department endeavours to meet deadline dates, where requested.

If you have not heard from DAU and wish to receive an update, please email <a href="mailto:manager.dau@housing.gov.ie">manager.dau@housing.gov.ie</a>.

Regards Diarmuid

Diarmuid Buttimer

Executive Officer

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Subject: EIAR/NIS Scoping - National Parks and Wildlife Service - Proposed Mixed-Use Strategic

Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork.

## Dear Sir/Madam

Please see attached regarding a proposed Strategic Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Cork. We are seeking any scoping comments the National Parks and Wildlife Service might have regarding the preparation of an Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the proposed development.

The attached have also been sent to you via hard copy for your records

Kind Regards

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Subject: EIAR scoping - Proposed Strategic Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Co. Cork. TII Ref:

TII21-114713.

# Dear Ms. O'Connell,

Thank you for your correspondence of 20 August 2021 regarding an EIAR scoping for a proposed Strategic Housing Development at Coolflugh, Cloghroe, Tower, Co. Cork. At the outset, I wish to apologise for the delay in responding. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) wishes to advise that it is not in a position to engage directly with planning applicants in respect to proposed developments. TII will endeavour to consider and respond to planning applications referred to it, given its status and duties as a statutory consultee under the Planning Acts.

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The issuing of this correspondence is provided as best practice guidance only and does not prejudice TII's statutory right to make any observations, requests for further information, objections or appeals, following the examination of any valid planning application referred.

It is noted that the subject site is located north-west of Cork City in the vicinity of the R617 and R579 regional roads. It is likely that a development of the scale proposed will result in additional car trips materialising on the strategic national road network in the vicinity. Project Ireland 2040 outlines the investment priority to ensure that the existing extensive transport networks, which have been greatly enhanced over the last two decades, are maintained to a high level, to ensure quality levels of service, accessibility and connectivity to transport users. Government also includes the objective to maintain the strategic capacity and safety of the national road network, including planning for future capacity enhancements, in National Strategic Outcome 2 of the National Planning Framework. The above should be reflected in the preparation of any planning application in the area concerned.

With respect to EIAR scoping issues, the recommendations indicated below provide only general guidance for the preparation of a planning application, which may affect the national road network.

The developer/scheme promoter should have regard, inter alia, to the following:

• Consultations should be had with the relevant Local Authority/National Roads Design Office with regard to the locations of existing and future national road schemes in the vicinity.

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TII would be specifically concerned as to potential significant impacts the development would have on the
national road network (and junctions with national roads) in the proximity of the proposed development.

• It would be important that, where appropriate, subject to meeting the appropriate thresholds and criteria and having regard to best practice, a Traffic and Transport Assessment (TTA) be carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines, noting traffic volumes attending the site and traffic routes to/from the site, with reference to impacts on the national road network and junctions of lower category roads with national roads.

TII's 'Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines' (2014) should be referred to in relation to proposed development, with potential impacts on the national road network. The scheme promoter is also advised to have regard to Section 2.2 of the TII's TTA Guidelines, which addresses requirements for sub-threshold TTA.

- Transport analysis should also consider:
  - All road users not just private cars.
  - Modal share targets should be outlined and how any PT/Walking/Cycling modal share is to be accommodated.
  - o Measures proposed to reduce car dependency should be outlined.
  - o Consider and address cumulative impacts of other development and impacts on national road capacity.
  - o A mobility management plan for the development to accompany the transport assessment.
- The designers are asked to consult TII Publications to determine whether a Road Safety Audit is required.
- The developer should have regard to any Environmental Impact Statement and all conditions and/or modifications imposed by An Bord Pleanála regarding road schemes in the area. The developer should, in particular, have regard to any potential cumulative impacts.
- The developer should have regard to TII Publications (formerly DMRB and the Manual of Contract Documents for Road Works).
- The developer should have regard to TII's Environmental Assessment and Construction Guidelines, including the 'Guidelines for the Treatment of Air Quality During the Planning and Construction of National Road Schemes' (National Roads Authority (NRA), 2006).
- Consider the 'Environmental Noise Regulations 2006' (SI 140 of 2006) and, in particular, how the development will affect future action plans by the relevant competent authority (see 'Guidelines for the Treatment of Noise and Vibration in National Road Schemes' (1st Rev., NRA, 2004)).

Notwithstanding, any of the above, the developer should be aware that this list is non-exhaustive, thus site and development specific issues should be addressed in accordance with best practice.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

## Yours sincerely,

## Alban Mills

Senior Regulatory and Administration Executive



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**Subject:** FW: 215 Cork Bus Capacity [query from planning consultancy]

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**Subject:** RE: 215 Cork Bus Capacity [query from planning consultancy]

Hi Deirdre,

Here is the information you need to calculate the bus capacity for route 215:

- Latest timetables, giving you the number of daily trips: <a href="https://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=406&form-view-timetables-from=&form-view-timetables-to=Waterford+HSE&form-view-timetables-route=215&form-view-timetables-submit=1">https://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=406&form-view-timetables-from=&form-view-timetables-to=Waterford+HSE&form-view-timetables-route=215&form-view-timetables-submit=1</a>
- Capacity of a bus: normally buses operating route 215 have capacity for 76 seated passengers and 15 standing passengers.

To calculate spare capacity, consider route 215 is currently carrying approximately 13,000 passengers a week, but in 2019, before the pandemic, it was carrying approximately 23,000 passengers a week.

I hope this helps.

Kind Regards,

Giorgio

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## Good morning,

I had a Deirdre Tobin from HW Planning on the line wanting to query about bus capacities, in particular for the 215 in Cork. She stated it's for applications her company need to do and they need to include information on bus capacities and spare capacities. When looking up information on it on the internet, the National Transport Authority came up. I am aware that this is a Bus Eireann bus, but due to the fact that the NTA came up for her, I thought it would be better to take the query.

Would it be possible for someone to contact her in relation to this? Ms. Tobin's email is <a href="mailto:dtobin@hwplanning.ie">dtobin@hwplanning.ie</a>

## Kind regards,

# Blathnaid

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Your Ref: Pre SHD at at Coolflugh, Cloughroe, Tower, County Cork Our Ref: G Pre00222/2021 (Please quote in all related correspondence)

19 November 2021

HW Planning 5 Joyce House Barrack Square Ballincollig Co Cork

Via email: info@hwplanning.ie

**Proposed Pre Planning Development:** Pre SHD at at Coolflugh, Cloughroe, Tower, County Cork

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I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritagerelated observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings.

# Archaeology

The proposed development is large in scale and will have archaeological requirements in the form of a dedicated Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA), to include assessment of the watercourses within the footprint of the proposed development.

The applicant is advised that the services of a suitably qualified and suitably experienced archaeologist should be engaged to carry out the AIA.

The requirements of the AIA should be informed directly through consultation with Cork Council Council's City/County Archaeologists and their recommendations should be implemented in full.

Aonad na nlarratas ar Fhorbairt, Oifigí an Rialtais, Bóthair an Bhaile Nua, Loch Garman, Y35 AP90 Development Applications Unit, Government Offices, Newtown Road, Wexford, Y35 AP90 <a href="mailto:m



The above observations/recommendations are based on the papers submitted to this Department on a pre-planning basis and are made without prejudice to any observations that the Minister may make in the context of any consultation arising on foot of any development application referred to the Minister, by the planning authority/ies, in the role as statutory consultee under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

You are requested to send further communications to the Development Applications Unit (DAU) at <a href="mailto:manager.dau@housing.gov.ie">manager.dau@housing.gov.ie</a>.

Is mise le meas,

**Diarmuid Buttimer** 

**Development Applications Unit** 

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