

An Chomhairle Ealaion 70 Merrion Square Dublin 2 D02 NY52

Date: 2nd July 2024

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- EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: 2024113) included with the planning application form;
- Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with the planning application form);
- Planning Report
- Red Line Boundary in DWG format;
- > Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR);
 - Volume 1 Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
 - Volume 2 Photomontage Booklet
 - Volume 3 EIAR Appendices
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

All documentation associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: http://www.clonbernewfplanning.com

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (iii) The likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of \in 50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on 27^{th} August 2024.

Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating the application should be sent,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers)

- (a) (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or

- (ii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) Refuse to grant the permission

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under order 84 of the Rule 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 on the Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices - Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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