

Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in Respect of a Maritime Area Development

County Cork

In accordance with Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, The Port of Cork Company gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year planning permission for the following proposed development:

Completion of the Redevelopment of Existing Port Facilities at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork, previously permitted under PA0035, as altered by PM0010, 304437-19 and 310847-21.

The proposed development will consist of the following:

Ringaskiddy East

- Construction of the remaining phases of a 200m Container / Multi-purpose Berth which are not completed by 20th October 2025. The berth is under construction and being developed in four phases (1. Combi wall quay wall, 2. Concrete deck piling, 3. Structural slab and 4. Upper slab and yard surfacing),
- Dredging of the seabed to a level of -13 m Chart Datum (CD)
- Installation of link-span comprising a floating pontoon and access bridge
- Installation of container handling cranes
- Ancillary works, including services, lighting and fencing

Ringaskiddy West

- Extension to the existing Deepwater Berth (DWB), which will comprise a filled quay structure extending no further than the edge of the existing DWB
- Dredging works to varying levels to facilitate navigational access to the new facilities, and
- Ancillary works, including services and lighting

Road Improvements:

- Improvements to internal road network at Ringaskiddy East
- Ancillary works, including lighting and fencing

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared and accompany the application. A 'Dumping at Sea' licence will be required. The application is located within a consultation zone for establishments to which the Major Accident Directive Applies.

The application documents including the Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of eight weeks commencing **on 21st February 2025** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902
- The Offices of Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork; T12 R2NC

The application documents may also be viewed / downloaded on the following website: www.portredevelopmentringaskiddy.ie

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (the Board) at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, in writing or online on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of eight weeks relating to-

- (i) The implications of the proposed development for maritime spatial planning
- (ii) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned.
- (iii) The likely effects on the environment or any European Site of the proposed development,

if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board no later than **5.30 pm on the 18th April 2025**. Such submissions / observations must also include the following information:

- (i) 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 to any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- (ii) The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- (iii) The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 5 of the Planning and Development (Maritime Development) Regulations 2023 (S.I No. 100/2023) refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. **The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application.**

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to-

- (a)
 - (i) grant the permission subject to such modification (if any), to the proposed development as it may specify, or
 - (ii) grant the permission in respect of part of the proposed development concerned subject to such modifications (if any) to that part as it may specify.

and any of the above decisions may be subjected to or without conditions; or

- (b) Refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Marine Area Planning Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel: 01 8588100).

Any person may question the validity of any such decision by 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, as amended), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be assessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.