

Ms Moira Murrell
Chief Executive
Cork County Council
County Hall,
Carrigrohane Road,
Cork, Ireland,
T12 R2NC

12th February 2025

Re: Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application under section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for development at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork

Dear Ms Murrell,

Please be advised that The Port of Cork Company (POCC) intends to apply to An Bord Pleanála for a Maritime Area Development under the provisions of s.291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act) at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork. The application is for a 10-year planning permission for:

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 consists 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*
- *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 zoned for establishments to which the Major Accident Directive applies.

The full suite of documents submitted as part of the application can be found listed in the cover letter to An Bord Pleanála.

Five hard copies of the application and two electronic copies are enclosed for your information. A further electronic copy of the application documents is available to at: www.portredevelopmentringaskiddy.ie

Please note that Cork County Council as the Coastal Planning Authority is required to make the Port of Cork Company's application available for public inspection / purchase in accordance with the terms of the public notice issued under section 291 of the Act. The planning application is required to remain available for public inspection for the entire duration of the determination period.

In accordance with section 291 (4) of the Act, as the Coastal Planning Authority, Cork County council may, not later than 10 weeks (or such period as may be specified by the Board), from the making of the section 291 application in respect of the proposed development, prepare and submit a report to the Board setting out the views of the Coastal Planning Authority in relation to the proposed development, having regard in particular to the matters to which a Coastal Planning Authority is required to have regard in accordance with subsection (2) of section 34 and subsection (2) of section 282 in relation to an application referred to in subsection (3) of section 281 of the Act.

In addition to the abovementioned report, the Board may also require Cork County Council to furnish such information as it specifies in relation 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 in the functional area concerned, and
- iii. The like effects on the environment or any European site.

Please note that An Bord Pleanála following its consideration of the application can decide to:

- (a)
 - (i) grant the permission/approval, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) grant permission/approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind),

and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions,

or

- (b) refuse to grant the permission/approval.

Any enquires relating to the application should be directed to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Yours sincerely,



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