

# **SITE NOTICE**

## **LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 175 AND 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2025 (AS AMENDED)**

### **NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR APPROVAL**

#### **CLONASLEE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

Notice is hereby given that Laois County Council intends to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála under Sections 175 and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to carry out the proposed Clonaslee Flood Relief Scheme. The proposed scheme will consist of flood relief works along, adjacent to, and in the vicinity of the Clodiagh River, in the townlands of Brittas, Bunastick, Clonaslee, Ballynakill and Brockagh, in County Laois, within Laois County Council's administrative boundary.

The proposed flood relief works will comprise the construction/installation of:

- (i) A flood defence embankment (c. 145 m long and a maximum height of 0.9 m above existing ground level) with a paved-surfaced crest replacing a section of the existing amenity pathway in Brittas Wood;
- (ii) A concrete culvert headwall for the existing culvert within Brittas Wood;
- (iii) A debris trap consisting of 6 no. concrete cast poles (each c. 3 m in height) over a concrete base in the channel of the Clodiagh River along Brittas Wood, and an associated access slipway with fencing and access gate;
- (iv) A reinforced concrete flood defence wall with a stone finish (c. 235 m long and a maximum height of 1.2 m) with associated public footpath (c. 140 m long and 1.8 m wide) adjoining to the western elevation of an existing wall along Chapel Street;
- (v) A flood defence embankment (c. 130 m long and a maximum height of 0.9 m) with a grass-seeded surface on the western bank of the Clodiagh River, at the entrance to Clonaslee's Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICW);
- (vi) A reinforced concrete flood defence wall (c. 70 m long and a maximum height of 0.6 m) on the eastern bank of the River Clodiagh within the grounds of Clonaslee's Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICW); and
- (vii) All associated and ancillary development works to facilitate the proposed flood relief works, including clearance and vegetation removal; installation of 2 no. temporary construction compounds with associated facilities; temporary construction signage, fencing and gates; replacement of public lighting; installation of fencing and gates; planting and landscaping, reseeding, and biodiversity enhancement measures.

**An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.**

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

The application documentation, including the EIAR and the NIS, is available for inspection free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours (excluding bank holidays) **from 18 June 2025 to 30 July 2025** (inclusive of both dates), at the following locations:

- The Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, James Fintan Lalor Avenue, Portlaoise, County Laois, R32 EHP9.
- Clonaslee Heritage Centre, Clonaslee, County Laois, R32 EH3F.
- The Office of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V0902.

The application plans and particulars, including the EIAR and NIS, can also be viewed online and downloaded from the following websites:

- <https://consult.laois.ie/en/consultation/clonaslee-flood-relief-scheme-submission-bord-pleanala>
- [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)

Submissions or observations may be made, in writing, to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V0902, or online at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-IE/Observation-on-a-strategic-Infrastructure-devel> in respect of:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and development of the area in which the development is concerned,
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and
- (iii) The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Any submission / observation must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by An Bord Pleanála before **17:30 hours on 30 July 2025**, and must 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 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.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review under order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or the Citizens Information website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone No. 01 8588100).

Signed:  on behalf of Laois County Council.

Date of Erection of Site Notice: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025