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KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL



NOTICE PURSUANT TO: SECTION 177AE AND SECTION 175 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

Notice of Planning Application to An Coimisiun Pleanála for Approval for the Graiguenamanagh Tinnahinch Flood Relief scheme

Notice is hereby given that Kilkenny County Council intends to seek approval of An Coimisiun Pleanála under Section 177AE and Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) to carry out proposed works adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Rivers Barrow and Duiske in the townlands of Graiguenamanagh, Tinnapark, Priestsvalley Brandondale & Tinnahinch in Counties Kilkenny & Carlow.

The proposed scheme involves:

River Barrow Defences:

- Defences at the Graiguenamanagh Rowing Club consist of hard and soft defences set back from the Quayside. The flood defence wall in front of the Club will be circa 1.5 m high above ground level and will include 1 m high glazing within its height in front of the clubhouse. The riverward side of the wall will be clad in natural stone. A soft earthen embankment will be constructed 1.8m high nearest to the river and will tie into high ground to the North of the building. The embankment will have side slopes of 1V:2.5H and will be grass seeded. For the southern vehicular access to the Boathouse, a double gate arrangement is proposed to allow for pedestrian access to facilities while providing a secure boundary to the boathouse. Mooring and boat access will be available along the length of The Quay. Further, the slipway and concrete steps opposite the Boat Club will remain. The vehicular route within the club carpark will be altered to a one-way system for safer pedestrian movements.
- A new raised defence (stone clad wall) will be constructed from the Rowing Club along Graiguenamanagh Quay and will tie into the existing wall near the junction of Barrow Lane. A flood gate will be installed across the junction to the Rowing Club, flushed with the flood defence walls. This flood gate will restrict access to the Rowing Club during flood conditions. An access ramp will be installed over the defence wall to maintain access to the site before the Rowing Club.
- New raised defences (cut stone clad and glass wall) upstream of the Graiguenamanagh Bridge to tie into the flood gate at the Graiguenamanagh Rowing Club/Barrow Lane junction. The vehicular route will be altered to a one-way system, with wider footpaths proposed for easier and safer pedestrian movement and permeability. Site clearance work will consist of removal of existing bollards, demolition of boundary wall/hoarding at corner of the Quay and Barrow Lane and demolition of existing streetscape along the entire quay.
- Flood gates will be placed along Graiguenamanagh Quay and Tinnahinch Quay to retain access for water activities. These will be closed in flood conditions.
- A new raised defence (stone clad flood wall) downstream of the Graiguenamanagh Bridge that will follow the existing natural line of the edge of the carriageway.
- A new raised defence (earthen embankment) on the left bank upstream of the Graiguenamanagh Bridge. The embankment will be circa 240 m long with a maximum height of 1.25 m above ground level. The embankment will have side slopes of 1V:2.5H and will be grass seeded. The embankment will tie into a short section of concrete flood wall at its north eastern end. Trees and ornamental planting will be introduced at the entrance to the amenity pathway, both for visual and biodiversity benefit.
- Modifications to, or a new raised defence (flood concrete walls), on the left bank downstream of Graiguenamanagh Bridge along Tinnahinch Quay.
- Installation of non-return valves on outfalls to the River Barrow.
- Behind wall drainage improvements/pumping stations

River Duiske Defences:

- Upstream Storage: Installation of flood storage area approximately 1.5km upstream from the River Barrow and River Duiske confluence. The storage area will consist of a grass seeded fill material embankment that ranges from 0-8m above existing ground level, with side slopes at a ratio of 3:1. The embankment length will tie into the existing high ground to hold a flood storage extent of approximately 0.074 km².
- A flow control device will be constructed in the centre of the embankment within the Duiske channel which will include debris screen on the upstream side to prevent blockage.
- Road and associated services into the surrounding landscape, tree, hedge, riparian planting and wildflowers meadows have been proposed to assist integration of the embankment.
- New raised defences (concrete wall) along both the left and right banks of the River Duiske, at the confluence with the River Barrow up to the Turf Market Bridge.
- A new raised defence (earthen embankment) along the eastern boundary of the Hub. The embankment will be 62m in length with side slopes of 1V:2.5H and will be grassed seeded. Formal and informal pathways and planting are to be provided throughout the area, linking the area to the town, and residential area to the west. These will also provide linkage to the South Leinster Way/Brandon Hill.
- A new raised defence (concrete wall) on the left bank of the River Duiske, downstream from the High Street Bridge.

- A new raised defence (concrete wall) and wall improvements on the left bank of the River Duiske, upstream of the High Street Bridge to Clapper Bridge.
- Ornamental planting is proposed between the proposed flood wall and the existing stone wall. Further steps are to be introduced towards Clapper Bridge with guardrails/handrails.
- Installation of debris trap upstream of Clapper Bridge.
- Removal and raised replacement of two existing foot bridges, near the Mass Path and at Turf Market.
- Fencing, accommodation works and all site development and landscaping works.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) have been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development.

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

A copy of the plans and particulars of the proposed development, the Natura Impact Statement and the Environmental Impact Assessment will be available for inspection free of charge between Wednesday 22nd December 2025 to Wednesday 11th February 2026 (Inclusive of both dates) at the following locations:

- The website of Kilkenny County Council at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie>
- The Planning Section of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny City. R95 A39T between the hours 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays),
- Thomastown Municipal District Office, Ladyswell, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny R95 TX68, from 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday (Except Public Holidays).
- Muinebheag Municipal District office, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag, Co. Carlow. (by appointment only) Contact : 059-9172415
- The offices of An Coimisiun Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays) or online at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/home>

or purchased for a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy).

The provisions of section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 relating to the holiday period between the 24th December and 1st January, both days inclusive, have been taken into account in the calculation of the response date. Your submission in response to this notice must be received by the Commission not later than 5.30 p.m. on the date specified above

Any submissions and observations on the proposed development in relation to –

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area 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,

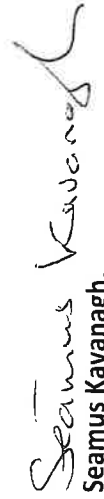
may be made in writing to An Coimisiun Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902 or online at www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/home. Any submission/observation must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for prescribed bodies) and must be received by An Coimisiun Pleanála not later than on or before 5.30pm on Wednesday the 11th February 2026. Such submissions or observations must include the following information:

- a) You must clearly state your own name and address. If a planning agent is acting for you, the agent must clearly state their own name and address as well as your name and address.
- b) You must give us enough details to allow us to easily identify the application or appeal you are making the observation on.
- c) The subject matter of the submission or observation. The planning grounds of observation (reasons and arguments), and any items you wish to support your grounds of observation.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Coimisiun 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) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (As Amended).

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the website of An Coimisiun Pleanála www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information website www.citizensinformation.ie. Any queries relating to the application process should be directed to An Coimisiun Pleanála.

Dated this 9/12/2025


Seamus Kavanagh,
A/Director of Services.