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Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
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Date: 23 November 2021

Re: Proposed Riverine Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Station Road, Lifford, Co. Donegal
115m in length between Lifford Co. Donegal and Strabane, Co. Tyrone

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton
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Niamh Thornton

From: Lisa Quinn
Sent: Thursday 18 November 2021 13:47
To: Niamh Thornton
Cc: SIDS LAPS
Subject: FW: Reply from DECC re 21_348
_Proposed_Riverine_Community_Park_Development_Lifford_Co._Donegal
Attachments: GSI datasets relevant to EIA & SEA_20210421.pdf; 21_114 Proposed Riverine Community Park Strabane and Lifford Co. Donegal.pdf; 20210924 Frm MCL Consulting Dept of Env Climate and Comms Parks Notification.pdf

From: Appeals2 <appeals@pleanala.ie>
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Subject: Reply from DECC re 21_348_Proposed_Riverine_Community_Park_Development_Lifford_Co._Donegal

Good morning,

Please see attached and below a reply from Ms. Trish Smullen and Dr Clare Glanville on behalf of Geological Survey Ireland (a division of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications) for the subject below. Please forward an acknowledgement of receipt to CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie at your earliest convenience.

I have attached a letter dated 24/09/2021 from MCL Consulting for reference.

Regards,
Enda Brady,
Corporate Support Unit,
Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

From: GSI Planning <GSIPlanning@GSI.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 16 November 2021 17:09
To: CorporateSupport.Unit <CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie>
Cc: GSI Planning <GSIPlanning@GSI.ie>; Clare Glanville <Clare.Glanville@decc.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: 21_348_Proposed_Riverine_Community_Park_Development_Lifford_Co._Donegal

Hi Enda,
Please see text below and attachments for return to ABP.
Thanks,
Trish

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your email dated xx month 2021, regarding Donegal County Council's Proposed Development, Lifford, Co. Donegal [Riverine Community Park], please note that Geological Survey Ireland has no specific comment or observations to make on this matter at this time since our last response, 21/114, (please see attached).

If you have any further queries or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me Trish Smullen, or my colleague Clare Glanville at GSIPlanning@gsi.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Trish Smullen
Geological Survey Ireland

From: GSI Planning
Sent: 24 September 2021 15:29
To: Sophie O'Connor; Brian McConnell; Monica Lee; Taly Hunter Williams; Sean Cullen; Charise McKeon; Jim Hodgson; Eoin McGrath
Cc: GSI Planning
Subject: 21_348_Proposed_Riverine_Community_Park_Development_Lifford_Co._Donegal

EIS 21/348 (cf. 21/114)
Proposed Riverine Community Park Development, Lifford, Co. Donegal – application direct to ABP.

Please forward any specific comments you may have by 17 November 2021

Regards, Clare



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Cc: CorporateSupport.Unit <CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie>
Subject: MCL Consulting re Prescribed Form of Notice in Relation to Donegal County Council's Proposed Development, Lifford, Co. Donegal [Riverine Community Park]

Good afternoon,

Please see attached and below correspondence from MCL Consulting regarding the Riverine Community Park located in Lifford, Co. Donegal. Please forward any observations to Corporate Support Unit for onward transmission to An Bord Pleanála before Wednesday 17/11/2021.

Regards,
Enda Brady,
Corporate Support Unit.

From: Clare Sheeran [<mailto:clare@mclni.com>]

Sent: 24 September 2021 09:48

To: CorporateSupport.Unit

Subject: Prescribed Form of Notice in Relation to Donegal County Council's Proposed Development, Lifford, Co. Donegal [Riverine Community Park]

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am pleased to attach two separate Form of Notice for Donegal County Council's Proposed Development (Riverine Community Park) located in Lifford, Co. Donegal.

Notice 1 of 2:

Prescribed form of notice to be served on bodies or persons referred to under Section 51(3)(b) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended):

Description: Construction of a pedestrian and cycle bridge 115m in length between Lifford and Strabane (the adjacent eastern section of the proposed community park at Strabane, County Tyrone).

Notice 2 of 2:

Prescribed form of notice to be served on bodies or persons referred to under Section 226 and Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (As Amended):

Description: Construction of a community park including pavilion, multi-function outdoor space, play areas, walkways, cycleway, landscaping, access roads and parking, amenity lighting, maintenance compound, spectator stand, accommodations works and ancillary works.

Please note: the website www.riverine-planning.com will go live on 30th September 2021

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at david@mclni.com

Kind regards,



Clare Sheeran

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Tá eolas sa teachtaireacht leictreonach seo (agus b'fhéidir sa chomhaid ceangailte leis) a d'fhéadfadh bheith príobháideach nó faoi rún. Is le h-aghaidh an duine/na ndaoine nó le h-aghaidh an aonáin atá ainmnithe thuas agus le haghaidh an duine/na ndaoine sin amháin atá an t-eolas. Murab ionann tusa agus an té a bhfuil an teachtaireacht ceaptha dó bíodh a fhios agat nach gceadaítear nochtaidh, cóipeáil, scaipeadh nó úsáid an eolais agus/nó an chomhaid seo. Más trí earráid a fuair tú an teachtaireacht leictreonach seo cuir, más é do thoil é, an té ar sheol an teachtaireacht ar an eolas láithreach. Deimhnítear leis seo freisin ná aims odh víreas sa phost seo tar éis a scanadh.



Geological Survey Ireland's Publicly Available Datasets Relevant to Planning, EIA and SEA processes
following European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018
(S.I. No. 296 of 2018)

Geological Survey Ireland Programme	Dataset	Relevant EIA Topic	Coverage	Description / Notes	Link to Geological Survey Ireland map viewer
Geohazards	Landslide: National landslide database and landslide susceptibility map	Land & Soil/Climate/Landscape	National	Associated guidance documentation relating to the National Landslide Susceptibility Map is also available.	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b68d1e4a904a5981f950e9b9c5625c
Geohazards	Groundwater Flooding (Historic)	Water	Regional	Provide information of historic flooding, both surface water and groundwater. [A lack of flooding presented in any specific location of the map only indicates that a flood has not been detected. It does not indicate that a flood cannot occur in that location at present or in the future]	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=848f83c85799436b808652f9c735b1cc
Geohazards	Groundwater Flooding (Predictive)	Water	Regional	Provides information on the probability of future karst groundwater flooding (where available). [The maps do not, and are not intended to, constitute advice. Professional or specialist advice should be sought before taking, or refraining from, any action on the basis of the flood maps]	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=848f83c85799436b808652f9c735b1cc
Geohazards	Radon Map	Land & Soils/Air	National		http://www.epa.ie/radiation/radonmap/
Geohazards	County Geological Sites as adopted by National Heritage Plan and listed in County Development Plans	Land & Soils/Landscape	Regional	All geological heritage sites identified by Geological Survey Ireland are categorised as CGS pending any further NHA designation by NPWS.	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a30af518e87a4c0ab2fbd2e2aac3c228
Geological Mapping	Bedrock geology:	Land & Soils	National	1:100,000 scale and associated memoirs.	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0
Geological Mapping	Bedrock geology:	Land & Soils	Regional	1:50,000 scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0
Geological Mapping	Quaternary geology: Sediments	Land & Soils	National	1:50,000 scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0
Geological Mapping	Quaternary geology: Geomorphology	Land & Soils	National	1:50,000 scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0
Geological Mapping	Physiographic units:	Land & Soils	National	Broad-scale physical landscape units mapped at 1:100,000 scale in order to be represented as a cartographic digital map at 1:250,000 scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=afa76a20fc54877843aca1bc075c62b
Geological Mapping	GeoUrban: Spatial geological data for the greater Dublin and Cork areas	Land & Soils	Regional	Includes 3D models	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9768f4818b79416093b6b2212a850ce6&scale=0
Geological Mapping	Geotechnical database	Land & Soils	National	Digitised geotechnical and Site Investigation Reports and boreholes which can be accessed through online downloads	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a271818b73d47a583a30415b4724c
Goldmine	Historical data sets including geological memoirs and 6" to 1 mile geological mapping records	Land & Soils/Water	National	available online	https://secure.dcae.gov.ie/goldmine/index.html
Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater resources (aquifers)	Water	National	Data limited to 1:100,000 scale; sites should be investigated at local scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater recharge.	Water	National	Data limited to 1:40,000 scale; sites should be investigated at local scale; long term annual average recharge	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater vulnerability.	Water	National	Data limited to 1:40,000 scale; sites should be investigated at local scale	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Group scheme and public supply source protection areas.	Water	National	Not all PWS / GWS have SPZ / ZOC. Check with IW / coco / NFGWS for private supplies.	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater Protection Schemes	Water	National	Data is limited to scale of 1:40,000. Data does not include all of the source protection areas	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Catchment and WFD management units.	Water	National		https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Karst specific data layers	Water	National	For areas underlain by limestone, includes karst features, tracer test database; turlough water levels (gwlevel.ie).	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Wells and Springs	Water	National	Not comprehensive, there may be unrecorded wells and springs	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687ab14629a10b748ef
Groundwater & Geothermal	Groundwater body Descriptions	Water	National	Not exhaustive; only those in designated SACs; could be other GWDTs; for more information contact NPWS / EPA / site investigations	https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/programmes-and-projects/groundwater-and-geothermal-unit/activities/understanding-ireland-groundwater/Pages/Groundwater-bodies.aspx
Groundwater & Geothermal	Geothermal Suitability maps	Land & Soils/Water	National	Also, Roadmap for a Policy and Regulatory Framework for Geothermal Energy, November 2020	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9ee46bee08de41278b90a991d60c0b9e
Marine & Coastal Unit	INFOMAR - Ireland's national marine mapping programme; providing key baseline data for Ireland's Water	Water	National		https://secure.dcae.gov.ie/GSI/INFOMAR_VIEWER/
Marine & Coastal Unit	CHERISH - Coastal change project (Climate, Heritage and Environments of Reefs, Islands, and Headlands)	Water	Regional		http://www.cherishproject.eu/en/
Marine & Coastal Unit	Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI).	Water / Land & Soils	Regional	Currently the project is being carried out on the east coast and will be rolled out nationally	https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/programmes-and-projects/marine-and-coastal-unit/projects/Pages/Coastal-Vulnerability-Index.aspx
Minerals	Aggregate potential	Land & Soils/Material Assets	National	Consideration of mineral resources and potential resources as a material asset which should be explicitly recognised within the environmental assessment process	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ee8c4c285a9413aa6f1344416dc9956
Minerals	Active quarries	Land & Soils	National		https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ee8c4c285a9413aa6f1344416dc9956
Minerals	Historic mines	Land & Soils/Cultural Heritage	National	Inventory and Risk Classification 2009. Environmental Protection Agency, Economic Minerals Division and Geological Survey Ireland (DECC).	https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/default?zasting=?&northing=?&llid=EPA:LEMA_Facilities_Extractive_Facilities/
Tellus	Geochemical data: multi-element data for shallow soil, stream sediment and stream water	Land & Soils	Regional	A national mapping programme	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6304e122b733498b99642707f727f54
Tellus	Airborne geophysical data including radiometrics, electromagnetics and magnetics	Land & Soils	Regional	A national mapping programme	https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6304e122b733498b99642707f727f54
Tellus	Urban geochemistry mapping (Dublin SURGE project).	Land & Soils	Regional		https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6304e122b733498b99642707f727f54

Notes:

- The maps and data listed above are available on the Geological Survey Ireland map viewer <https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/data-and-maps/Pages/default.aspx>
- Please read all disclaimers carefully when using Geological Survey Ireland data
- Geological Survey Ireland and Irish Concrete Federation published guidelines for the treatment of geological heritage in the extractive industry in 2008.



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Northern Ireland

06 May 2021

Re: Proposed Riverine Community Park, Strabane and Lifford, Co. Donegal - EIA Scoping Opinion Request

Your Ref: P2288

Our Ref: 21/114

Dear Ross,

Geological Survey Ireland is the national earth science agency and is a division of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. We provide independent geological information and advice and gather various data for that purpose. Please see our [website](#) for data availability. .

With reference to your letter dated 18 March, concerning the proposed Riverine Community Park, Strabane and Lifford, Co. Donegal - EIA Scoping Opinion Request, Geological Survey Ireland would encourage use of and reference to our datasets. Please find attached a list of our publicly available datasets that may be useful to the EIA, SEA, planning and scoping processes. We recommend that you review this list and refer to any datasets you consider relevant to your environmental assessment and planning process. Use of our data or maps should be attributed correctly to 'Geological Survey Ireland'. Please note that our datasets are typically not 'all Island' and therefore we also recommend consideration of publicly available data for Northern Ireland. The remainder of this letter and following sections provide more detail on some of our datasets with reference to your scoping document.

Geoheritage

Geological Survey Ireland is in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage), to identify and select important geological and geomorphological sites throughout the country for designation as geological NHAs (Natural Heritage Areas). This is addressed by the Geoheritage Programme of Geological Survey Ireland, under 16 different geological themes, in which the minimum number of scientifically significant sites that best represent the theme are rigorously selected by a panel of theme experts.

County Geological Sites (CGSs), as adopted under the National Heritage Plan, include additional sites that may also be of national importance, but which were not selected as the very best examples for NHA designation. All geological heritage sites identified by Geological Survey Ireland are categorised as CGS pending any further NHA designation by NPWS. CGSs are now routinely included in County Development Plans and in the GIS of planning departments, to ensure the recognition and appropriate protection of geological heritage within the planning system. CGSs can be viewed online under the Geological Heritage tab on the online [Map Viewer](#).

The audit for Co. Donegal was published in November 2020 and the full report details can be found [here](#). The audit of County Geological Sites in Donegal is a compilation of two reports:

- An audit of County Geological and Geomorphological Sites in north Donegal carried out by Ronan Hennessy, Robert Meehan, Vincent Gallagher, Matthew Parkes and Sarah Gatley on behalf of Geological Survey Ireland; and
- An audit of County Geological Sites in south Donegal carried out by Malcolm McClure, Vincent Gallagher, Robert Meehan and Sarah Gatley on behalf of Geological Survey Ireland.

Our records show that there are no CGSs in the vicinity of the proposed Riverine Park on the Co. Donegal side of the river.

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Groundwater

Geological Survey Ireland's Groundwater and Geothermal Unit, provides advice, data and maps relating to groundwater distribution, quality and use, which is especially relevant for safe and secure drinking water supplies and healthy ecosystems.

Proposed developments need to consider any potential impact on specific groundwater abstractions and on groundwater resources in general. We recommend using the groundwater maps on our Map viewer, which should include: wells; drinking water source protection areas; the national map suite - aquifer, groundwater vulnerability, groundwater recharge and subsoil permeability maps. For areas underlain by limestone, please refer to the karst specific data layers (karst features, tracer test database; turlough water levels (gwlevel.ie)). Background information is also provided in the Groundwater Body Descriptions. Please read all disclaimers carefully when using Geological Survey Ireland data.

The Groundwater Data Viewer indicates a 'Locally important gravel aquifer' underlies the proposed development. The Groundwater Vulnerability map indicates the area covered is classed as High.

Geological Mapping

Geological Survey Ireland maintains online datasets of bedrock and subsoils geological mapping that are reliable and accessible. We would encourage you to use these data which can be found here, in your future assessments.

Geotechnical Database Resources

Geological Survey Ireland continues to populate and develop our national geotechnical database and viewer with site investigation data submitted voluntarily by industry. The current database holding is over 7500 reports with 134,000 boreholes; 31,000 of which are digitised which can be accessed through downloads from our Geotechnical Map Viewer. We would encourage the use of this database as part of any baseline geological assessment of the proposed development as it can provide invaluable baseline data for the region or vicinity of proposed development areas. This information may be beneficial and cost saving for any site-specific investigations that may be designed as part of the project.

Geohazards

Geohazards can cause widespread damage to landscapes, wildlife, human property and human life. In Ireland, landslides, flooding and coastal erosion are the most prevalent of these hazards. We recommend that geohazards be taken into consideration, especially when developing areas where these risks are prevalent, and we encourage the use of our data when doing so.

Geological Survey Ireland has information available on landslides in Ireland via the National Landslide Database and Landslide Susceptibility Map both of which are available for viewing on our dedicated Map Viewer. Associated guidance documentation relating to the National Landslide Susceptibility Map is also available.

Natural Resources (Minerals/Aggregates)

Geological Survey Ireland provides data, maps, interpretations and advice on matters related to minerals, their use and their development in our Minerals section of the website. The Active Quarries, Mineral Localities and the Aggregate Potential maps are available on our Map Viewer.

We would recommend use of the Aggregate Potential Mapping viewer to identify areas of High to Very High source aggregate potential within the area. In keeping with a sustainable approach we would recommend use of our data and mapping viewers to identify and ensure that natural resources used in the development, are sustainably sourced from properly recognised and licensed facilities, and that consideration of future resource sterilization is considered.

Other Comments

Should development go ahead, all other factors considered, Geological Survey Ireland would much appreciate a copy of reports detailing any site investigations carried out.



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The data would be added to Geological Survey Ireland's national database of site investigation boreholes, implemented to provide a better service to the civil engineering sector. Data can be sent to Beatriz Mozo, Geological Mapping Unit, at Beatriz.Mozo@gsi.ie, 01-678 2795.

I hope that these comments are of assistance, and if we can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me Clare Glanville, or my colleague Trish Smullen at GSIPlanning@gsi.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Glanville
Senior Geologist
Geological Survey Ireland

Enc: Table - Geological Survey Ireland's Publicly Available Datasets Relevant to Planning, EIA and SEA processes.



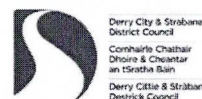
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Our Ref: P2288

Date: 24/09/2021

- Contaminated Land
- Hydrogeology
- Waste Management
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Odour
- Hydrology
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Ecology
- Geotechnical / Drilling
- Topographical Surveying

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**PRESCRIBED FORM OF NOTICE TO BE SERVED ON BODIES OR PERSONS UNDER SECTION 226 AND SECTION 177AE
OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000, (AS AMENDED)**

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE DHÚN NA NGALL
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

To: Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
29 – 31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2
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Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to apply to an Bord Pleanála under Section 226(1) and Section 177AE(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for approval to carry out the following proposed development which is located at Station Road, Lifford, County Donegal and partly within the adjoining foreshore. The development will comprise the creation of a new community park with multi-purpose community facilities and amenities and will include:

- Construction of a single storey community resource building with a gross internal floor area 305m², for use as

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community space including office and refreshment use;

- Construction of a 300m² maintenance compound, surround by 2.25m high ibex fencing and access gates, to include installation of an approximate 4.0m high by 6.0m wide by 9.0m long prefabricated maintenance shed vehicle storage, washdown area and material storage;
- Provision of a multi-functional outdoor space and external stage area to accommodate a variety of outdoor events;
- Creation of play areas, a river walk and river access;
- Construction of walkways and cycleways;
- Associated landscaping inclusive of the wetlands of the River Foyle;
- Amenity lighting;
- Provision of car parking with 74 spaces and provisions for cycle parking;
- Site Security including estate style fencing, 2.4m high security fencing and lockable vehicle and pedestrian gates
- Construction of a one way traffic access road 4.5m in width and a 2 way traffic access road 6m in width, with a combined length of 265m to be provided internally within the park;
- Demolition of the existing spectator stand and the construction of a new spectator stand to accommodate 123 spectators;
- Relocation of existing hare coursing track and the construction of greyhound training runs;
- Provision of an informal parking area to accommodate 8 cars;
- Provision of a new 10kV ESB Substation and diversion underground of existing MV (10kV/20kV) ESB overhead cables traversing the site;
- Provision of ground mounted electrical kiosk;
- Provision of a new wastewater pumping station for onward transfer of foul wastewater to the local network;
- Reconfiguration of existing cinema drainage soakaway;
- Works on the foreshore including construction of a cast in-situ concrete slipway, 5m wide, with adjoining steps of natural stone paving and the provision of a reinforced grass path to a new timber fishing pod; and,
- all ancillary development, accommodation works and site services; on a site extending to 14.9 hectares.

A Natura Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development. The Natura Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment Report take into account the environmental impacts of a proposed pedestrian and cycle bridge 115m in length between Lifford and Strabane, which forms part of the new community park but for which separate approval is being sought from An Bord Pleanála pursuant to section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993. As the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state i.e. Northern Ireland, notice of the proposed development will be given to the relevant authorities in

Northern Ireland.

Hard copies available on request at the contact details below.

The planning application may also be viewed on the following website: riverine-planning.com

Submissions may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála at 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development;
- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development; and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out,

between 30th September 2021 and 18th November 2021.

The Board may, in relation to an application for approval under Section 226 and/or under section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, by order, approve the proposed development with or without modifications or it may refuse such development.

Further Information may be obtained from MCL:

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