

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

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 226(1) AND SECTION 177AE(3) OF THE PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000, (AS AMENDED)**

**APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANALA**

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 305m<sup>2</sup>, for use as community space including office and refreshment use;
- Construction of a 300m<sup>2</sup> 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.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development may be inspected free of charge, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours between 30<sup>th</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> November (inclusive of both dates) at the following locations:

- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 V902
- Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 Y622

The planning application may also be viewed on the following website: [riverine-planning.com](http://riverine-planning.com)

Any person may, during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks and on payment of the prescribed fee of €50, may make a submission or observation in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902, not later than on or before 5:30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable 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

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

A 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) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Developments Acts, 2000, (as amended). Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the An Bord Pleanála website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)