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Our Ref TRA 12 10 08 01 09 12 00 Transportation Department

18th July 2024

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
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Re:

Notice Under Article 251 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2023 Application to An Bord Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended to carry out development at Manorland (1st Division) and Blackfriary (2nd Division) in Trim.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meath County Council hereby applies for approval under Section 177(AE) (4)(b) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for permission to carry out development, Trim Millennium Pedestrian Bridge Replacement works, which includes a temporary site compound and storage area at Manorland (1st Division) and Blackfriary (2nd Division) in Trim.

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) (including an Aquatic Baseline Survey as Appendix 1) have been completed for the proposed Trim Millennium Pedestrian Bridge Replacement works, to assess whether the proposed works, individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, and in view of best scientific knowledge, is likely to have a significant effect on any European site(s), specifically, the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site code: 002299) and River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (Site code: 004232).

In addition, a Planning Statement, Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Landscape and Visual Assessment (LVIA) report and photomontage, Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report, Ecological Impact Assessment and Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment have been submitted with this planning application.

The potential impacts of the proposed works have been considered in the context of the European sites potentially affected, such as the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site code: 002299) and River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (Site code: 004232), and their qualifying interests or special conservation interests, and their conservation objectives.

This assessment concluded that the proposed Trim Millennium Pedestrian Bridge Replacement works is not foreseen to give rise to any significant adverse effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species, for which these sites have been designated.

Please find enclosed 3 no. copies (2 no. hard copies and 1 no. Soft Copy (USB)) of the following documentation in accordance with article 249 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2023 in support of this application, including;

- a) 2 no. copies of the Site Notice Erected 17th July 2024
- b) 2 no. copies of the newspaper notice as published in Meath Chronicle 17th July 2024 in accordance with 177AE (4)(b);
- c) 2 no. hard copies of the Schedule of Drawings; Namely drawing No's P22256-FT-XX-ZZ-DR-S-0001, P22256-FT-XX-ZZ-DR-S-0002, P22256-FT-XX-ZZ-DR-S-0003, P22256-FT-XX-ZZ DR-S-0004
- d) 2 no. hard copies of the Planning Statement
- e) 2 no. hard copies of the Screening Report and Natura Impact Statement
- f) 2 no. hard copies of the EIA Screening Report
- g) 2 no. copies of LVIA assessment and photomontages
- h) 2 no. hard copies of Ecological Impact Assessment
- i) 2 no. hard copies of Construction and Environmental Management Plan
- j) 2 no. hard copies of the Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment
- k) 2 no. hard copies Cultural Heritage & Assessment Report
- 1) 1 no. copy of the Electronic Version (USB) of all submitted documents and drawings
- m) 2 no. hard copies of the list of prescribed bodies to which the notification was sent under section 177AE(4)(b) and a dated copy of each notice issued to the following:
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon (Arts Council)
- An Taisce
- · Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
- Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (Development Applications)
- Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (Built Heritage and Architechtural Policy)
- Department of Rural and Community Development
- Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media
- Department of Transport

- Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Fáilte Ireland
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Meath County Council
- National Monuments Service
- National Parks & Wildlife Service
- National Transport Authority
- Office of Public Works
- Teagasc
- The Heritage Council
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Waterways Ireland
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Health and Safety Authority
- Geological Survey of Ireland
- Department of Justice

We now seek formal approval to carry out this development at Trim Millennium Bridge, Trim, Co. Meath.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Murray

Director of Services

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