

**Part 8 Development  
Notice of Proposed Development by Local Authority  
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)  
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)**

**Ref. No. P82022.21:**

**Refurbishment and extension of the existing Newbridge (County) Library on the site consisting of the existing Newbridge (County) Library, the existing carpark and surrounding public realm to Main Street and Athgarvan Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.**

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Kildare County Council hereby gives notice of a proposal to develop as follows: Refurbishment and extension of the existing Newbridge (County) Library, which is a Protected Structure, to create the new Kildare County Library, Archives and Cultural Centre.

The proposal involves the demolition of the existing single storey 1970's extension to the Protected Structure. The proposed development will range from one to three storeys in height. The gross internal floor area for the Protected Structure is 300 sqm and the new extension is 1960 sqm. The total Gross Internal Floor area of the development is 2260 sqm. The proposed development will include minor internal alterations to the Protected Structure. Landscaping, public realm works and ancillary external works are also proposed as part of the development. External works include the relocation of the vehicular entrance from Main Street to Athgarvan Road, landscaping works to create a new external courtyard (707 sqm) including 13 no. parking spaces, a bicycle parking store and a refuse store. Public Realm works (2365 sqm) include new hard landscaping to the footpaths around the library, modifications to the Main Street public realm to provide a loading bay, bus stop and 2 no. accessible car parking spaces alongside the provision of a new cycle lane.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and the European Communities (Bird and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 – 2015. Kildare County Council has determined that the proposed development will not have a significant effect on a European Site and an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

The proposal has also undergone screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. Having regard to the provisions of the legislation, the nature and scale of the proposed development, the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Regulations, and having regard to the scale, nature and location of the proposed impacts, the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures and the results of the any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment, Kildare County Council has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. In accordance with Section 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations (as amended) any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a

screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, Ref. No. P82022.21, will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during normal opening times at **Kildare County Council at the address below from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday for a period of 6 weeks from Wednesday, 10 May 2023 to Wednesday, 21 June 2023 (inclusive).**

To facilitate public access, a copy of the plans and particulars will be available for viewing only in Newbridge Library, Athgarvan Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, W12 W861 during normal opening times from Wednesday, 10 May 2023 to Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

Details of the proposed development are also available on Kildare County Council's website online at:

<https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Planning/Part8Schemes/StrategicProjectsandPublicRealm/index.html>

or from the QR code on this notice.



Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made to:

A/Senior Executive Officer, Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team, Housing and Regeneration Department, Level 3, Kildare County Council, **at the address below** or online at

<https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/part-8-proposed-county-library-archives-and-cultural-centre-newbridge>

or by email to [newbridgelibrarypart8@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:newbridgelibrarypart8@kildarecoco.ie)

**Submissions must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.** All submissions and observations should be headed '**Part 8 Proposed Kildare County Library, Archives and Cultural Centre, Main Street, Newbridge Co. Kildare**'.

All comments, including names of those making comments submitted to the Council in regard to the scheme as outlined above, will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.