

Decisions on planning applications accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

Notice is hereby given pursuant of Part II, Amendment of Miscellaneous Enactments of S.I. No. 352; Section 10 of the European Communities (Public Participation) Regulations 2010, Section 34(1A) of the Planning Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 172(1) of the Planning Development Act 2000 (as amended), that:

Kildare County Council made a decision to **Grant** Planning Permission for the following on the **21st February 2020**.

Planning Ref: 19/523

Applicant: Punchestown Racecourse

Development:

The extension of the existing racetrack by approximately 660m & raising ground levels on the track extension area to tie into existing site levels that range from approx 160m OD to the east to 140m OD to the west; widening of the home straight over a distance of 800m by between 30m & 35m; a new ambulance track over a length of 1,890m and ancillary infrastructure; and, landscape enhancement works within & adjoining the racecourse facilities including landscaping planting and the relocation of 2 no. existing attenuation ponds, and the creation of an additional 2 no. attenuation ponds. To facilitate these works, site levels will be raised to match existing contours & will require approximately 1.15 million tones of topsoil, subsoil, sand and gravel. These materials will be extracted from lands adjoining the established racecourse that are currently being restored from a disused sand and gravel pit to agricultural use under KCC Reg. Ref. 08/2159 & EPA Waste Licence Ref. W0254-01 (Walshestown).

AND

Kildare County Council made a decision to **Refuse** Planning Permission for the following on the **21st February 2020**.

Planning Ref: 19/523

Applicant: Punchestown Racecourse

Development:

For the continuance of the permitted restoration use of the Walshestown lands for a period of an additional 8.5 years to complete the current permission restoration works, and an additional 3.5 years to restore the additional area of extraction required for the racecourse extension works (12 years in total). All proposed restoration works are consistent with those previously permitted under KCC Ref. Ref. 08/2159. The proposed restoration works include the importation & placement of inert materials over & area of c. 40.05ha; processing of non-hazardous materials including crushing, screening, & magnetic separation using mobile machinery for the purpose of recovery & recycling of engineering materials; storage, & , continued use of all established & permitted structures, storage facilities, hardstanding, drainage infrastructure, utilities & works. Permission is also sought for a proposed maintenance & storage shed of 3,500 sq.m gross floor area to facilitate the proposed

restoration use, & all ancillary development works. The proposed use will require the current waste licence ref. W0254-01 to be reviewed by the E.P.A. to facilitate these works. The proposed extraction & restoration works will involve the continuation of the Walshestown operations for a total period of 12 years. Accordingly, a 12 year permission is sought for for that element of the works relating to extraction and restoration of the Walshestown lands. The application will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), revised by significant further information consisting of; road improvement works along the L6042, including proposed visibility splays and boundary walls.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Location of Development: Punchestown, Walshestown, Blackhall, Tipperkevin and Bawnogue,, Naas , Co. Kildare.

The applicant and any person who made submissions or observations in writing to the planning authority in relation to the planning application in accordance with Section 37(1) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) may appeal such a decision to An Bórd Pleanála.

A person may question the validity of any decision of the planning authority 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 Act, 2000 (as amended)

A person may question the validity of any decision on an appeal by An Bórd 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 Act, 2000 as amended.

Information in relation to the making of an appeal may be obtained from An Bórd Pleanála's website at www.pleanala.ie. Also refer to Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by Sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 in relation to judicial review. General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website; www.citizensinformation.ie

Details with regard to the planning reference referred to in this notice may also be viewed on this website on the online planning system by entering the planning reference no. **19/523** in the Planning File reference field.