



**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of
Bray held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday
7th March 2023 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present:

**Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Melanie Corrigan
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy
Councillor Joe Behan
Councillor Rory O'Connor
Councillor Dermot O'Brien
Councillor Grace McManus
Councillor Anne Ferris**

Also in Attendance:

**Ms. Lorraine Gallagher, District Manager
Ms Linda Healy, District Administrator
Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer
Mr. Garvan Hickey, Administrative Officer
Housing
Mr. Declan Marnane, Senior Engineer
Ms. Emma Hickey, Executive Architect
Ms. Audrey Bowen, Minute Taker**

Apologies:

Cathaoirleach Councillor Erika Doyle

Item 1.

**Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
Municipal District of Bray dated 14th February 2023**

Councillor Ferris proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held 14th February 2023. Councillor Flynn Kennedy seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

Item 2. To consider Chief Executive's report in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) in respect of the proposed Housing development at Upper Dargle Road, Bray. Co. Wicklow

Members received a presentation from executive architect, Emma Hickey and Senior engineer Declan Marnane on a proposed 14 unit development on the Upper Dargle Road.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Request for a copy of the planners report & public submissions
- Resident concerns re rightsizing within their local area
- Request that the development is managed by the local authority not an Approved Housing Body
- Supporting walls – can these be softened
- Allocated to people on the housing list if not enough units filled by existing residents rightsizing
- Area needs to be resourced & maintained in line with the increased units
- Speeding on the Dargle Road
- How much parking is being provided
- Will existing parking be affected
- Timeframe for completion
- Enhanced use of green space – biodiversity

Mr Marnane advised members that in line with the Part 8 process all submissions from the public are summarised and responded to as part of the chief executive's report. Comments from the District Engineer are also taken into account as part of the process.

Members were advised that the units were designed to include rightsizing but allocations would be a matter for the Bray MD housing section.

It is the intention of Wicklow County Council to complete the scheme themselves and then take the units into WCC housing stock.

It is hoped to go to tender as soon as possible upon completion of the Part 8 process. Ms Hickey advised that a lot of effort had gone into the design of the supporting walls with specific materials used to soften/enhance their appearance.

The issue of maintenance was for another section in WCC but the housing team will pass on this matter to them for attention.

The District Engineer will look at the issue of speeding on the Dargle Road.

As much parking space as possible has been allocated on site. It is noted that the site is close to the town centre with good transport links with plans for enhanced cycling facilities for the area.

Existing parking will be unaffected.

It is intended to provide enhanced biodiversity on the green areas on site. The Biodiversity Officer in WCC will be consulted in this regard.

After discussions the motion was proposed by Cllr Flynn Kennedy and seconded by Cllr O'Connor.

Members voted as follows:

RE: To consider Chief Executive's report in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) in respect of the proposed Housing development at Upper Dargle Road, Bray. Co. Wicklow			
	FOR	AGAINST	Absent
Councillor Joe Behan	√		
Councillor Melanie Corrigan	√		
Councillor Anne Ferris	√		
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy	√		
Councillor Erika Doyle			√
Councillor Grace McManus	√		
Councillor Dermot O'Brien	√		
Councillor Rory O'Connor	√		
Total Votes	7	0	1

Cllr. Behan raised the issue of rodent activity in Glenthorn linked to the adjacent vacant housing site. Mr Marnane advised that this would be addressed.

Item 3. To update the Members of a proposed Part 8 for Raheen Park Trails

The District Engineer briefed members on the Raheen public park enhancement scheme.

Raheen Public Park, on the northern slopes of Bray Head, is a grassland area that was formerly used as a Par 3 Golf Course managed by the Bray UDC. It is included in the designated Special Amenity Area confirmed by An Bord Pleanala in 2008 aimed at preserving and enhancing the amenity value of the lands at Bray Head.

Voluntary efforts have been made to enhance the area by tree planting. It is currently most frequently used by dog walkers. It is the objective of this enhancement scheme to improve the quality of this amenity for the benefit of all of the public. The principal civil works is the development of a trail that is accessible and the inclusion of benches that provides the opportunity to rest, take in the views and enjoy the surrounding landscape. Landscaping will be in accordance with the objectives of the Bray Head

Conservation Management Plan and the Bray Head Neighbourhood Scheme that are being developed in parallel to the Raheen Public Park Enhancement Scheme. This includes native broadleaf planting, meadow and margin establishment that favours pollinators and gorse and bracken control.

The Raheen Park scheme is located beside a Natura 2000 site at Bray Head. The trail development is designed to be in line with Green Infrastructure Objective 2 (GI2) outlined in the Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2018. This aims to facilitate the development and enhancement of suitable access to and connectivity between areas of interest for residents, wildlife and biodiversity and focus that includes Natura 2000 sites while ensuring that there is no adverse impact on the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 sites. Due to proximity to the Bray Head SAC, an appropriate assessment screening has been carried out for the project, which has determined that no adverse impacts are anticipated.

The outline of the civil works proposed at Raheen Public Park includes the following:

- *Develop 1460m of new trail with gradients no steeper than 1 in 15. The trail is to comprise of a 2m wide compacted graded stone base beneath a selected tight hoggin finish with 600mm grass verge on both sides.*
- *Construct an access ramp from Raheen Car Park to the new trails at 1 in 15 gradients with landings every 5m.*
- *Improve 220m of existing trail.*
- *Develop Woodland Planting in line with a NeighbourWood Scheme under development.*
- *Establish Wildflower Meadows in line with a Conservation Management Plan under development.*
- *Install concrete bases for hartecast phoenix benches, spaced at a minimum distance of 40m along trail.*
- *Install information boards informing about the ecology, archaeology, heritage and geology of the area*

Part 8 documents have been drafted for the scheme, which includes an outline of the objectives of the Bray Head Management Plan and the AA Screening Report. Following consultation with the SAAO Management Committee, it is proposed to advertise the Part 8 within the next few weeks in order to commence the public consultation on the scheme.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

Accessibility welcomed
Request input from biodiversity officer
Enhancement of area around Raheen-A-Cluig
Provision of seating & bins and maintenance of same
Removal of leylandii trees
Will the area be accessible for wheelchairs/buggies
Will there be cycling facilities
Dog control
Will it require enforcement to maintain a high standard

The District Engineer advised that Raheen-A-Cluig is owned by the Office of Public Works (OPW). He informed members that he is conscious not to work too close to the area. He will contact the OPW and discuss the matter with them.

There is an ecologist engaged for this project. It is the intention to promote native planting in place of the leylandii. This will be discussed with the Bray Head Residents Association

The placing of bins at all access points will be examined but they will not be placed along the route as they would not be accessible to staff to service them.

The District Engineer advised that there will be a requirement for additional funding to maintain the park.

District Manager, Ms Lorraine Gallagher, referred to a recent discussion at a WCC full Council meeting around the issue of dog control. Members were reminded that Bye Laws are required for the control of dogs.

The matter of maintenance budgets was part of a wider local authority discussion.

Item 4. Funding of the 2023 Grass Cutting Programme

The District Engineer briefed members of the grass cutting programme carried out by Bray MD. He advised that the cost for the current year is €111,000.00 which represents good value for money.

Certain areas of Bray are included in this programme, but some of the newer areas of the MD since 2014 are not part of the programme.

The budget allocated to grass cutting for this year is €55,000. Some of the shortfall can be taken from the road maintenance budget but there remains a funding shortfall. It is proposed to use some of the additional car parking revenue to offset this shortfall.

He informed members that Bray MD is the only MD that receives funding towards grass cutting

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Expressed their thanks to the MD engineering staff who facilitate this service
- Funding should be provided to service all areas as everyone pays the increased parking fee.
- Estates on the Southern Cross Road to be included.
- Extra funding should be provided to ensure estates previously in charge of Greystones MD are now serviced as part of Bray MD programme.
- Can wildflower growing areas be looked at and moved out of the centre of green areas in housing estates.
- Tender process
- Are plans & reports available/provided by the contractor.

The District Engineer advises that the tender process is based on price and quality.

The contract is always very keenly priced and represents good value for money. The contractor engaged is also engaged by Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown County Council which is why we avail of such a competitive price.

If any areas are missed residents can contact the MD and it will be addressed.

Some private estates make their own arrangements for grass cutting and collect monies from the residents. They then receive a grant amount from the MD calculated on what it would have cost the council to cut it.

When estates are taken in charge the MD contacts the residents association and they become part of the grass cutting programme.

It was proposed to offset the grass cutting funding shortfall from the additional car parking revenue.

Cllr Ferris proposed the motion

Cllr Corrigan seconded it and it was passed by the members

Item 5. To consider the Housing Report

Cedar Court

Construction is ongoing with the units due for completion in Q1 / Q2 of 2023.

Parnell Road (Central Garage site)

Tuath have submitted the revised CAS application and it is currently being assessed.

Kilbride Lodge and Sutton Villas.

We are still awaiting registration of the land so the developments can proceed. There is one dealing pending on Kilbride Lodge. Sutton Villas has now been registered. The Law Department are following up with the PRA to try and expedite matters.

Rehills Lands

The Department and NDFA have appointed consultants for the scheme, and they have started looking at the sites.

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The Part 8 report is due for discussion at this meeting.

Southern Cross Road.

A development of 208 houses and apartments, including 20 Part V units, is in the process of being purchased for social housing as a turnkey by Cooperative Housing Ireland. The first units have been delivered. The remaining units should be ready for occupation in the next few weeks.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

Members raised the issue of the lifting of the eviction ban
Voiced concern in relation to how prepared the housing section were to deal with the expected rise in numbers of people seeking housing support.
Re-let budget
Units on Southern Cross Road – did this create any subsequent HAP/RAS properties

Are all allocations completed in relation to units in Kilruddery Glen
Councils now have powers to buy properties with HAP/RAS tenants in situ – are WCC exercising this option.

Choice based letting – when will this scheme progress

Request that Dublin City Council provide update report on Rehill lands and it be included in the monthly capital housing report

Is affordable housing still part of Rehill scheme

Rodent infestation in Glenthorn

Housing administrative officer, Mr Garvan Hickey, informed members that he had not yet been advised what proposals and supports were being offered to local authorities by the Department of Housing. They will work within Department guidelines.

Mr. Hickey advised that the Director of Services for housing is looking at a number of properties to purchase in relation to HAP/RAS tenants who are in situ. He advised members that the property owner needs to be willing to engage with the local authority.

There is a data base for notice to quits received by tenants. This data can be presented to Department officials when seeking funding.

Members were reminded that all allocations are carried out in line with the scheme of letting priorities.

Choice based letting has not yet been rolled out in Bray MD. Mr Hickey will advise members when the scheme is set to be rolled out.

The matter of Rehills lands being kept on the monthly capital report will be passed onto housing officials in WCC responsible for the scheme.

Clean up at Glenthorn will be arranged

Kilruddery Glen allocations – 80 apartments allocated in the first phase, some Garda checks are still outstanding and there has been a delay in people sending back the required paperwork. There have also been some refusals from people offered units. The interviews for one bed properties took place recently which will be followed by a pre tenancy information session.

Some tenants from RAS/HAP properties will avail of units in Kilruddery Glen thereby freeing up a HAP/RAS property for someone else.

Mr Hickey can advise members of numbers at next month's meeting.

The Director of Service continues to look for further funding in relation to re-lets but to Mr Hickey's knowledge there has been no increase.

Item 6. To consider District Engineer’s report on Roads, Transport, Public Realm & Strategic Infrastructure projects within the BMD

Roads Programme

No grant allocation has been confirmed yet for 2023. The table below outlines the road sections proposed for restoration improvement in 2023 in the 2022-2024 programme. The Boghall Road Cottages, deferred from last year, was completed in February this year. We are still waiting on contractor who completed Quinsborough Road resurfacing late last year to come back and finish failed section. This is dependent on adequate road temperatures. Tender documents have been prepared for reconstruction works on Church Hill Enniskerry. Following a review of the cost estimates on all proposals listed, other projects may have to be deferred to 2024.

Road No.	Road Location	Length m
R-766	Meath Road	140
L-55212	Berryfield Lane	550
R-760	Church Hill Lower, Enniskerry	124
L-5007	Ballyman Road	460
R-766-10	Eglinton Road	54
L-19663	Wolfe Tone Square	374
L-1957	Novara Avenue	233
R-766-135	Putland Road	155
L-1963	Kilbride Lane	338
L-1968	Woodbrook Drive	102
R-760-0	Church Hill Upper, Enniskerry	326
R-117-0	Knocksink Road	96

Drainage Works

Approximately €100,000 drainage grant is proposed to be allocated per district. The estimated cost of proposed drainage works in 2023 is €380,000, as set out in table below.

New drainage on private property to relieve flooding on Cookstown Road near Powerscourt National School has been completed. A drainage design for Quill Road will be carried out shortly and the relevant land owners consulted. A business case for funding has to be made for funding drainage works at Quill Road, Church Hill and Glencormick.

Type of Works	Number of Locations	Estimated Cost €
Flood relief works	L-1020 Cookstown Road, Enniskerry	€25,000
Road drainage and flood relief works	L-5029 Quill Road, Kilmacanogue	€120,000
Road drainage and flood relief works	L-1019 Glencormick Road, Kilmacanogue	€75,000
Extension of urban regional road drainage system	R-760 Church Hill, Enniskerry	€80,000
New urban local road drainage system	L-19581 Loreto Avenue, Bray	€55,000
Road drainage and flood relief works	L-97551 Calary Lane, Kilmacanogue	€15,000
Culvert Repair	L-1013 Waterfall Road, Ballyross, Enniskerry	€10,000

Footpaths

No funding allocation for footpath repair is proposed for 2023. However, essential repairs at Kilmacanogue estates planned for last year will be carried out by direct labour from road maintenance when staff are available. In the meantime, footpath defects are being assessed and recorded for the time when funding becomes available.

NTA Schemes

NTA project allocation for the Bray MD in 2023 are set out in table below.

The Convent Avenue to Vevay Crescent Permeability Scheme has been returned to the Bray MD to implement. A business case for the funding to the amount of €450,000 over two years has been approved. Land owner agreement and Part 8 planning approval will be required to progress this scheme.

A business case has also been approved for progressing the Enniskerry Village Renewal Scheme. Tenders are being prepared for the substantial works. A conservation engineer's inspection of the monument is expected week beginning

Monday 6th March. Minor elements of the scheme can continue till June with Urban & Village Renewal funding.

E-Bike Sharing Scheme

About 35 sites around Bray have been selected at this stage for inclusion for the virtual mandatory parking locations (VMPL). This includes some business premises in the public domain where agreement has been provided. Most are at existing bicycle stands or where adequate paved space is available. About 6 spaces require paving and this will be carried out over the next two weeks. All VMPL will have identifying markings on the surface. A visit to Kilkenny is taking place on the 8th March to review how the scheme is operating in practice before its roll out in Bray.

Project Name	2023 Allocation
Bray DART Interchange – Bus Terminus Improvement	€1,684,000
Bray Seafront Plaza	€60,000
Bus Priority in Little Bray	€50,000
River Dargle Cycleway	€50,000
Killarney Road Active Travel Route	€60,000
Bray Bridge Footbridges and tie ins (re-draft tender)	€150,000
Bray Main Street Bus Priority and Decongestion	€10,000
Convent Avenue to Vevay Crescent Permeability Scheme	€10,000
SRTS Round 2 Kilmacanogue NS, Kilmacanogue	€20,000

Public Realm Report

Seafront Toilets

Refurbishment of the lady's toilets at the aquarium building are substantially complete. Following snagging they will be reopened shortly.

Raheen Park

An ecologist engaged to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for Bray Head has produced an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report on the proposed development of Raheen Park (Par 3) Trails. Having appraised the likely significant effects on relevant European sites, the report concludes that there will be no likely significant adverse impacts on the features of conservation interest. The project is therefore screened out for Appropriate Assessment. A Part 8 Planning application has been prepared for the trails project for public consultation and will include available relevant information of the proposed adjacent Neighbourhood scheme. The SAAO Committee will be briefed about the scheme at a meeting arranged for the 8th March after which the Part 8 documents will be finalised and the scheme advertised for public consultation. A separate scheme brief and layout drawing is attached.

Bray Harbour Improvements

An information day and presentation of the recommendations of the feasibility study took place in December. The submissions following the public engagements have been assembled for inclusion with the tender documents for the appointment of consultants for the detailed design, planning and construction stage of the project. It is proposed to have the tender ready for advertising by the end of March.

Bogmeadow Playground Enniskerry

Capital funding has been approved from the council's Development Contribution Scheme for developing the playground. Detailed design and preparation of specifications for both the site development works that deals with the site preparation, retaining walls and alterations to infrastructure and for the supply and installation of the play equipment.

Ballywaltrim Recreational Field Masterplan

A surveyor has been engaged to carry out a topographical survey of the site. This will aid in the appraisal of options for the final configuration of pitches, detailed design and costing.

Skateboard Park

A tender has been received for the design and build of a skateboard park at Ballywaltrim. The tender will be assessed over the coming weeks.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- EV charger in Enniskerry – can a green box be provided so people are aware it is a parking space for electric vehicles.
- Conservation engineer for Enniskerry Town Clock Monument
- Request for safety audit of Herbert Road carpark
- Reinstatement of disabled parking space on Quinsborough Road.
- Increase the number of disabled spaces on the Seafront
- Dish the footpath at the Bray Bridge
- Contactless feature on parking machines
- Skate park timeline
- Does the skate park plan tie in with the broader plans for Ballywaltrim
- Hidden disability space update
- Can all discretionary funding schemes be listed as part of monthly report
- Ballywaltrim Lane/Hills Garage parking issues
- Accessibility/dishing of footpaths audit of the area
- St Patricks Square – Grafitti/damaged manhole cover/lighting
- Response time concerns
- Bogmeadow playground update
- 'No Swimming' signage on the seafront not at right level
- Road markings and signage required at – Curtlestown School, Monastery/Berryfield, 20 Bends and Cookstown Road
- Removal of markings from Disney production

EV charger in Enniskerry - The District Engineer advised that another section of ESB was now looking after the EV charger for Enniskerry and the MD are waiting on them to revert to us. We will then have to engage the contractor to complete the installation.

Conservation engineer – District Engineer is scheduled to meet with them this week.

Request for safety audit of Herbert Road carpark - The safety audit of the Herbert Road car park can be sent on

Reinstatement of disabled parking space on Quinsborough Road – District Engineer did look at this issue, there may be space if paving was removed but this would reduce visibility for pedestrians and would be costly. He may look at providing an extra space in another location nearby, perhaps Eglinton Road.

Increase the number of disabled spaces on the Seafront – District Engineer will look at this.

Dish the footpath at the Fran O'Toole Bridge – District Engineer did investigate this, there are some issues as the path is very narrow and is on an existing slope and there could be issues with water run off.

Contactless feature on parking machines – There is a new contract for parking due this year. This issue will be raised as part of the process.

Does the skate park plan tie in with the broader plans for Ballywaltrim – The District Engineer advised that the masterplan is not yet finalised but the skatepark will compliment it and will not be in conflict with plans for Ballywaltrim.

Hidden disability space update – District Engineer will review potential locations. There needs to be adequate width for the spaces for safety reasons.

Can all discretionary funding schemes be listed as part of monthly report – District Manager advised members that these schemes are reviewed frequently and suggested that quarterly updates be provided to the members.

Ballywaltrim Lane/Hills Garage parking issues – District Engineer is preparing a business case for the provision of a footpath at this location. Discussion will have to be entered into with the owners of the garage to resolve boundary matters.

Accessibility/dishing of footpaths audit of the area - District Engineer informed members that an audit of accessibility in the MD was carried out 12/13 years ago. Engineering staff are aware of many areas that require works but there is no funding available to progress these works. Cllr. McManus requested an estimate of costs to carry out the works, the District Engineer advised he will draw up costs for the priority ones.

St Patricks Square – Grafitti/damaged manhole cover/lighting – These will be looked at.

Response time concerns – District Engineer will discuss with staff.

Bogmeadow playground update – Parks Engineer is working on the tender for the playground equipment. District Engineer will progress work on the civil works required

No Swimming' signage on the seafront not at right level – members were advised these signs were erected by the environment section in WCC after many request from the public. District Engineer will investigate the height to ensure they meet specifications.

Road markings and signage required at – Curtlestown School, Monastery/Berryfield, 20 Bends and Cookstown Road – District Engineer will look at these

Removal of markings from Disney production – Contractor engaged to carry out these works.

Item 7.

Notice of Motions

1. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Behan (6/12/2022)

That this Municipal District receives a detailed report on the shores in Ryecroft estate including specifically the shore at 39/41 which is constantly blocked and floods the entrances of three houses regularly.

Ryecroft estate does not have a segregated public foul and surface water system. Consequently all road gully are shallow and have traps to prevent smells escaping from the public sewer. Surveys have found no fault or blockages within the gully connections to the public sewer. It has been noted that the road gullies at 39/41 and at 21 are a low points and draining the full width of the roadway over large areas. Also due to the camber of the roadway, they are also located on the side of the roadway where debris is most likely to accumulate. These factors would contribute to theses road gullies becoming obstructed at frequent intervals. The installation of second road gullies would reduce the frequency of road flooding at these two locations.

2. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Behan (6/12/2022)

That this Municipal District repairs the footpath alongside the large green area in Ardmore Park close to the entrance from Killarney lane as the footpath is sinking at this location.

Footpath defects at Ardmore Park have been listed for attention when funding for footpath repairs are provided again.

3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Behan (6/12/2022)

That this Municipal District urgently attends to the poor road condition in Ardmore Park at the top of the hill leading to Herbert Road junction. The road is so bad that traffic is moving on to the oncoming lane to avoid the poor road condition. This is bound to lead to serious road collisions.

The defective areas of road surface will be listed for maintenance repair at the earliest opportunity

4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Behan (6/12/2022)

That this Municipal District contacts An Post to have the post box on the Sth. Cross Road reinstated.

The Bray MD has no knowledge of a post box on the Southern Cross Road

5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Behan (6/12/2022)

That this Municipal District ensures that the manhole lid outside Boyle Sports in the Vevay is replaced as matter of urgency as it is extremely dangerous for unsuspecting pedestrians.

A temporary replacement cover has been provided.

Item 8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Item 9. Any Other Business.

Cllr. O'Brien raised two issued under AOB

Daffodil Benches

The project is a partnership between the Irish Cancer Society, Irish Men's Sheds Association and City and County Councils across the country. Councils will donate an existing bench that local Men's Sheds will then prepare, paint and install the QR code plaque on. This code will also link to the Irish Men's Shed's Association website, as well as Irish Cancer Society supports, services and information.

Members agreed to the installation of a daffodil bench at a location to be decided by the engineering staff of Bray MD. It was also suggested to link in with Bray Tidy Towns association in relation to a suitable location.

It was agreed by all members to proceed with this proposal.

Golf Club Lands

Concerns have been raised by community groups in relation to what environmental protections are in place on the construction site at the old Golf Club Lands

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

Ensure works are being carried out in compliance of permission granted

Space is a wasteland – no ecological value

Investigation is needed

What action is being taken by the planning authority

Concern for the protection of the curlew bird

Issue of transport bridge

Members acknowledged and thanked the community groups who had brought this issue to their attention.

District Manager, Ms Lorraine Gallagher updated the members as follows:

Members were advised that the Planning Authority has commenced its investigations to ascertain if an unauthorised development may have been or is being carried out. This investigation is ongoing and a site examination has taken place. The planning authority will complete its investigation and will, as necessary, revert to the complainant with its findings, where necessary it will also contact the Developer of the subject development. As this is a 'live' construction site the development activity is monitored regularly by the Planning Authority's compliance team. This is a matter for the Planning Authority, Wicklow County Council.

By way of information the Director of Services Planning and Development advised at Council meeting yesterday that:-

- The realignment of Schools Road is part of the permitted SHD development, coming within the scope of that relevant permission.
- Some aspects of the complaint related to the storage of construction equipment and materials, as observed by planning officers on site, it indicates there is no non-compliance with conditions attached with the permission of the SHD
- No construction compounds were located within the flood zones A and B as defined by the planning application documents.
- With regard to the public transport bridge over the River Dargle which the complaint centres around, the proposal for the bridge development has not proceeded further through any necessary statutory processes and it is not a matter for planning enforcement officials to investigate further, only to say that any of the works observed indicate it is working within the SHD development area,
- In relation to Irish Water, the realignment of the sewers on the subject site were required to facilitate the SHD which were carried out by an Irish Waters contractor.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

Cllr. Erika Doyle
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

Linda Healy
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:
