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ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

BOGMEADOW ENNISKERRY PLAYGROUND

PROJECT BRIEF

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Municipal District of Bray

June 2022

Introduction:

- Pursuant to the provisions of **Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001** Wicklow County Council has given notice of its intention to carry out works at **Bogmeadow Car Park, Monastery Road, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow**. The proposed works involves:
 - **Site clearance, regrading of slopes and alteration to drainage**
 - **Construction of timber and stone clad retaining walls on steep banks**
 - **Reduce width of existing sports facility access to a single traffic lane**
 - **Install perimeter railing**
 - **Install play equipment comprising predominantly of structural timber components**
 - **Install safety surfacing.**
 - **Provide associated footpaths, kerbing, surfacing, vehicle set down and landscaping**

 - Where any person, having consulted these documents, considers that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time before **12:00pm Thursday 14th July 2022**, apply in accordance with the provisions of Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018, to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have such effects.

 - Submissions and observations on the proposed development as outlined in plans and particulars contained herein, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, may be made in writing on or before **12:00pm Thursday 11th August 2022** as follows:
 - (a) in writing to Linda Healy, District Administrator, Bray Municipal District, Civic Offices, Bray, County Wicklow.
 - (b) by email to BrayMD@wicklowcoco.ieSubmissions should be headed **"Bogmeadow Playground – Part 8"**.

 - The Chief Executive Officer of Wicklow County Council or Bray District Manager shall, after receipt of written submissions or observations, prepare a written report in relation to the proposed car park and bus terminus works and submit the report to the elected members. The report shall list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations, summarise the issues raised with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed or with modification.

 - Following the consideration of the executive report by the members, the proposed Bogmeadow, Enniskerry Playground may be carried out as recommended in the report, unless the members by resolution made not later than 6 weeks after receipt of the report, decide to vary or modify the development, otherwise than as recommended in the manager's report, or decide not to proceed with the development. Wicklow County Council shall send notice to persons or bodies who made submissions or observations in respect of the proposed playground as soon as may be after a decision is made as to how it shall proceed with the development.
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Appropriate Assessment Screening

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018, Wicklow County Council had concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018 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 the provisions of article 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2019, Wicklow County Council has carried out a screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Accordingly, Wicklow County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

In conformance with the Habitats Directive an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (attached) was prepared by an ecologist engaged by the Enniskerry Playground Committee, Wicklow county Council's partners in this project. The report identified that the only European site of relevance is Knocksink Wood Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Knocksink Wood is a designated SAC and part of the SAC includes mixed woodland less than 100m from the proposed playground. However, habitats for which Knocksink Wood received the SAC designation are located more than 200m from the site. Furthermore the proposed playground is located downstream of the site so that there is no risk of polluted discharges to the SAC. In the report, an analysis of the impacts of the project concluded that there will be no likely significant negative effects on the features of conservation interest or site integrity of the relevant European sites.

Planning Context

In **Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022** and the **Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2018**, the land use zoning identifies the site as active open space. The proposed playground is consistent with this zoning.

Development Context

The Bogmeadow Playground is an initiative of the community of Enniskerry who formed the Enniskerry Playground Committee with the aim of delivering a high quality playground to serve the needs of the children of Enniskerry in the heart of the town at the Bogmeadow. The committee have worked in partnership with Wicklow county Council, who own the site, have raised funding from the community, engaged consultancy services to assess the site, conducted surveys within the community and engaged with playground providers to review play equipment preferences and available options.

The proposed playground will occupy of the only significant under-utilised spaces remaining at the Bogmeadow. Even at that, great care has to be given to the particular setting adjacent to the bank of the Glencullen River and the mature trees that occupy the site. Having regard to the sensitive setting, the Enniskerry playground Committee commissioned an Ecological Impact Assessment for the project (attached). The site area is bounded by the access roadway to the Bogmeadow Community and Sports facilities to the north and the steep bank of the Glencullen River to the south. It has a narrow strip of relatively flat land that widens slightly to the west where it is bounded by existing tennis courts.

The competing demands to develop and expand other sporting and recreational uses at the Bogmeadow imposed a constraint on land available and the proposed designed playground layout seeks to maximise the facilities that can be delivered within the space. To achieve this, the design includes terracing to reduce gradients and provides an embankment slide where a steep slope cannot be eliminated. To maximise the area of level land it is also proposed to narrow the existing access roadway to a single lane to the west of the bottle bank. This is in keeping with long term plans to facilitate the expansion of the Bogmeadow facilities for which it will be necessary to limit vehicle access to the centre to service vehicles, special needs and emergency services.

Having regard to the site constraints that will require significant ground preparation and alterations to existing drainage and other infrastructure, the total expenditure on the playground and ancillary works is likely to exceed €300,000. Where a local authority that is a planning authority proposes to carry out any development, the estimated cost of which exceeds €126,000, not being development consisting of the laying underground of sewers, mains, pipes or other apparatus, it shall be subject to public consultation in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and regulations under this section.

Document Register

Bogmeadow Enniskerry Playground

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8

Document	Issue Date	Scale	Size
Scheme Brief	23/06/22	na	A4
Copy of advert.	22/06/22	na	
Copy of site notice	22/06/22	na	A4 (original A3)
Site Location	17/06/22	1:1,000	A3
Survey	18/05/22	1:250	A3
Site Layout	22/06/20	1:250	A3
Playground layout	22/06/22	1:200	A3
Appropriate Assessment Screening	29/09/21	na	A4
Ecology Impact Assessment	-/09/21	na	A4