



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001
(as amended)

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford Regeneration Scheme,
Carlingford, Co. Louth

Louth County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out public realm enhancements to Carlingford town centre, The Ghan Road, the R173 and the Liberties areas within the greater Carlingford area as consisting of:

- Upgrade of footpath materials and widths to give greater comfort to pedestrian traffic;
- Traders Facilities;
- Upgrade of traffic and pedestrian management within the town to give greater emphasis to pedestrians and create a clear hierarchy that puts pedestrians before vehicular traffic within the town centre. This will be achieved by reducing road carriageway widths, widening footways, creating shared surfaces and inclusion of tactile paving at crossing points;
- Traffic calming ramps and pedestrian crossings;
- Demolition of existing toilet block and construction of a new one;
- Resurfacing of existing road pavements;
- New railings, bollards to discourage illegal parking;
- Bicycle parking;
- Street furniture including bins and seats;
- New trees and vegetation;
- New signage;
- New/replacement of functional street lighting. New feature lighting in the form of strip lighting to be introduced to some pedestrian areas and tall feature lights will be used in a functional manner at the civic and park areas;
- Public lighting;
- Removal of some existing car parking and provision of 63 car parking spaces, of which a minimum of 5% will be accessible parking bays i.e. a reduction (by 57 no. spaces) in car parking within the town centre area;
- Removal of existing public tennis courts and associated walls;
- New utility services/upgrading of existing services (if required), including watermains, foul, storm and water drainage, ESB services, WiFi, Broadband and ducting also the undergrounding of existing overhead cables where possible.

The public realm improvements within the town centre area of Carlingford as set out above will result in a reduction of car parking spaces and the change of use of an existing tarmac public tennis court area to become a new public realm focal point. To mitigate the potential negative impacts of these changes, Louth County Council are proposing to construct a new car park facility. The proposed car park and associated works are within the Liberties area of Carlingford, within approximately 550m of Carlingford town centre and will affect the Ghan Road and the R176 within its vicinity and will include:

- 148 no. car parking spaces including accessible parking bays, potential electric car charging parking bays, parent and child parking bays. Parking bays to be constructed of permeable paving block setts;
- 2 no. new porous asphalt public tennis courts, complete with lighting and fencing (approx. 5m high). Tennis court drainage to consist of filter drain system connecting to closed pipe network;
- New gully and pipe drainage network tying into the existing network on Ghan Road;
- New ESB substation, comprising of an above ground steel cabinet of dimensions approx. 2.6m x 2.2m x 2.0m;
- Public lighting, ducting for communications and electrical services requirements;
- Pedestrian network including concrete footpaths connecting to the existing footpath network on the Ghan Road. A linkage to the existing footpath-network along the R176 will be provided and a proposed new pedestrian crossing point to provide a continuous linkage for pedestrians into Carlingford town centre from the proposed car park along this route;
- Internal asphalt road network with road markings;
- Bus set down bays and campervan parking;
- Landscaping.

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Louth County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended 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.

Where any person considers that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of publication of this notice, apply in accordance with the provisions of article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have such effects.

In accordance with the provisions of article 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Louth 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, Louth County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, from Tuesday, 18th April 2023 until Tuesday, 16th May 2023 (inclusive) at the offices of Louth County Council at:

- Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth. (Inspection and purchase - during public opening hours between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday)
- Carlingford Library, Newry Street, Carlingford, A91 N226 (Inspection only - during public opening hours, Monday - Closed, Tuesday 10am-1pm; 2pm-5pm; 6pm-8pm, Wednesday 10am-1pm; 2pm-5pm, Thursday closed, Friday 10am-1pm; 2pm-5pm, Saturday 10am-1pm)

Plans and particulars are also available to view online at www.louthcoco.ie

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, clearly marked "Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford Regeneration Scheme" may be made in writing to the undersigned at Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, before 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 30th May 2023.

Dated this 18th April 2023

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Champs Drogheda Brass Band.

Glorious swansong for Drogheda Brass Band musical director John

By ALISON COMYN

Drogheda Brass Band returned to the National Band Championships of Ireland at the Dean Crowe Theatre in Athlone on Saturday last following a three-year COVID-19-induced absence and came away with first place in Section 1 Brass, making what is surely one of the longest records for retaining a title - after they won the same section as champions in 2019, when the contest was last held!

For the return to competitive action, the Irish Association of Brass and Concert Bands (IABCB) allowed the bands to choose a piece of their own liking, rather than the usual format of having a set test piece as well as an own choice piece.

Drogheda Brass Band played Lions of Legends by Thierry Deleruyelle - a work originally commissioned by Eurofestival 2016, whose members, similar

to these lions, created legends by organizing the first European Brass Band Championships in France.

Adjudicator Michael Ball awarded the band 190 marks out of a possible 200, praising the band's sound quality, control and rhythmic support throughout the five-movement piece.

It marks a fitting way for the band's current musical director John Carpenter to bow out. By the strange twist of fate that COVID dealt him, this was to be the only time he would lead the band at the IABCB championships.

"We were delighted with the result," said band PRO Brian Murphy. "We had a rough time during COVID - as did many bands around the country; the entire process of making music for brass and concert bands is to be gathered in the same room at the same time, rehearsing

and improving music to make it performance-ready.

"We are still slowly getting back on our feet after it all, including having to rebuild our School of Music. We had some young players on stage on Saturday making their band debuts and we were blown away by their commitment and enthusiasm - it really made it all worthwhile," he added.

Lourdes Brass Band, playing Purcell Variations by Kenneth Downie, finished in second place on 188 points, with Stedfast Band, from Dublin, in third place on 186pts, having also played Lions of Legends.

Drogheda Brass Band is now looking forward to a busy summer of engagements under the baton of new musical director Stephen Murray.

For more information, follow the band on social media @droghedabrass or log in to www.droghedabrassband.ie.

Death of former County Councillor

By MARGARET RODDY

Tributes have been paid to the late Jim Ryan who had served as an Independent Councillor on Dundalk Town Council and Louth County Council.

He was first elected to Dundalk Town Council in 1999 and onto both Louth County Council and the Town Council in 2004, losing his seat in 2014. At the time, he said he considered his role in voting to keep the Market Square in public ownership to be his greatest achievement.

Tributes were paid to him at the monthly meeting of Louth County Council with Chief Executive Joan Martin stating that he had been a great public representative for the people of Dundalk and Co Louth.

On the RIP.ie website, he was remembered as "a gentleman" who made a huge contribution to the town and always worked

for the local community.

Senator John McGahon said "Jim made a tremendous contribution to the political life of Dundalk for over fifteen years. He was a gentleman who helped people far and wide. He will be sadly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him."

Cllr Sean Kelly posted that Jim "served our area with distinction for 15 years on both Dundalk Town Council and Louth County Council. Jim was always on call and his dedicated and passionate approach to helping local people and communities was second to none."

Outside of politics, Jim had a long association with the Clan na Gael GAA Club, both as a player and a clubman, serving as chairman and honorary President.

Paying tribute on their Facebook page, the club said "Jim held more or less every position in the club. Chairman - Football Manager and everything in between. A brilliant person and an absolute gentleman who will be sorely missed by all who knew him."

Jim also had a great love for classical music and presented his own show 'Classic Sounds' for many years on Dundalk FM.

His funeral takes place on Wednesday.

