WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na h-Iarmhí

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED); PART XI
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2025 (PART 8, ARTICLE 81)

Notice is hereby given by Westmeath County Council that it intends to carry out development as described below:-

Location of proposed development:

Dublin Road, from the N52 Marlinstown Roundabout to the area in the vicinity of Bellview Clinic; Ardmore Road, from its roundabout junction with Dublin Road and Petitswood Close to the entrance to Ardmore Hills; and all junctions along these roadways. The scheme is approximately 2.5km in length.

Nature and extent of proposed development:-

- **Proposed improvements to footpaths (minimum width 1.8m);**
- **Provision of two-way segregated cycle tracks for approximately 1.7km (minimum width 2m);**
- **Provision of approximately 330m of shared pedestrian and cyclist paths;**
- **Bus stop infrastructure;**
- **Pedestrian crossings;**
- **Traffic calming measures;**
- **Upgrade of the existing National Science Park Roundabout, including pedestrian crossing facilities;**
- **Upgrade of all junctions including provision of pedestrian crossing facilities;**
- **Tie-in to existing active travel facilities on Ardmore Road;**
- **Tie-in to existing on-road cycle paths on the Dublin Road approaching the Delvin Road Junction;**
- **Vehicular carriageway width of 6.5m along Dublin Road and 6m along Ardmore Road.**

The proposed Part 8 development has undergone Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening under Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025. No likely significant effects were identified during the AA and EIA Screening processes. Therefore, there is no requirement to proceed to the next stage of AA or for a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) to be produced. In addition, the proposed development is not a type of development that triggers the requirement for an EIA and subsequent preparation of an EIA Report as per the prescribed classes of development and thresholds set out in Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025. Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

In accordance with Article 80 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025 plans and particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection at https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en or can be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of **Westmeath County Council, Aras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N from 9.30a.m. to 4.00p.m. each day, excluding weekends and Bank Holidays, from 21 July 2025 to 18 August 2025.** Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development may be made via the Council's Consultation Portal at https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en or a written submissions or observations in relation to the proposed development, may also be submitted to **Planning Section, Westmeath County Council, Aras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N** to arrive not later than **4.00pm on 1 September 2025.**

Written submissions or observations received will form part of a statutory report to be presented to a meeting of Westmeath County Council and will form part of a public document. The information contained in submissions may be available for public inspection on the Council's website and available at the Council's public counter. Details, including the names of those making submissions, may be shared with relevant Council Departments or their agents involved in this Part 8 process.