WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na hIarmhí

PART XI OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001 (AS AMENDED)
PART 8 PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given that Westmeath County Council proposes to carry out development at Blackberry Lane, Lissywollen, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

The development will consist of:

The demolition of existing day units, dwellings and concrete hardstanding areas and the construction of 41 no. single storey dwellings in four phases along with all associated site development works including temporary access routes and temporary serviced hardstanding areas and the partial realignment and extension of the existing estate road. The development will be accessed through the existing Blackberry Lane Halting Site.

Phase 1: 10 no. semi-detached dwellings (3 no. Four-bed, 5 no. Three-bed & 2 no. Two-bed).
Phase 2: 13 no. dwellings (2 no. Four-bed, 8 no. Three-bed & 2 x Two-bed semi-detached and 1 no. Three-bed detached).
Phase 3: 11 no. dwellings (8 no. Three-bed & 2 no. Two-bed semi-detached and 1 no. Three-bed detached).
Phase 4: 7 no. dwellings (2 no. Four-bed, 3 no. Three-bed & 1 no. Two-bed semi-detached and 1 no. Four-bed detached).

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 Directive 2014/52/EU (as amended). 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 (as amended).

Any person may, **within 4 weeks** beginning on **20th June 2026**, apply to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

For a period of **4 weeks** the Plans and Particulars of the proposed development are available for inspection at **https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en** and they can be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Westmeath County Council at Athlone Civic Centre, Church Street, Athlone, N37 P2T5 or Áras An Chontae, Mount Street Mullingar, N91 FH4N between the hours of 9.30am to 4.00pm each day, excluding weekends & Bank Holidays **from 20th June 2026 up to and including the 20th July 2026.**

For a period of **six weeks**, beginning on **20th June 2026**, 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, may be made in writing to: The Administrative Officer, Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, N91 FH4N or online via the Council's Consultation Portal at **https://consult.westmeathcoco.ie/en**.

The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations is Tuesday **4th August 2026 at 4pm.**

Submissions should be labelled **'LAA4 2026 Blackberry Lane, Lissywollen, Athlone'** and include the name, address and details of any organisation represented if relevant.

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

Signed: _____
Director of Housing, Westmeath County Council

Date of Public Notice: 20th June 2026