



Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
Kilkenny County Council

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, (AS AMENDED)

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY

**Kilkenny Local Studies Hub and Public Realm Enhancements at John's Quay,
Kilkenny**

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Kilkenny County Council gives notice of its intention to undertake works to the former Carnegie Library, John's Quay, Kilkenny City (Site Area c.0.306ha / The Carnegie Library is a Protected Structure included in the Record of Protected Structures for Kilkenny City, Ref. RPS B113 (NIAH Ref. 12000227) and is located within the John Street Architectural Conservation Area, Kilkenny City.

The development will consist of:

- (1) Repurposing the former Carnegie Library into a Kilkenny Local Studies Hub, preserving its original architectural character while enhancing its role as a cultural and heritage resource.
- (2) Reconfiguring the building layout to create a continuous finished floor level aligned with the original double-bay configuration (Staff Only c.90sq.m. GFA + Public Space c.144.2sq.m. GFA + Ancillary / Circulation Space c.24.1sq.m. GFA = Total c. 258.3sq.m.):
 - (i) Northern bay comprising of: 8 no. staff workspaces; a staff canteen; storage facilities with roller shelves; a restroom; and a heat pump room.
 - (ii) Southern bay comprising of: a county librarian / meeting room; open-plan local studies facilities and reading areas; utility and storage rooms; a flexible exhibition space adaptable to the hub's needs; and a zinc-clad and glazed rear extension in the south-east corner (c.10sq.m. GFA extension) to expand the exhibition space and enhance public visibility.
 - (iii) Central circulation space comprising of: a maintained central circulation space; an extended rear elevation (c.10.2sq.m. GFA extension; finishes matching the proposed south-east projection), including 2 no. restrooms (including 1 no. wheelchair accessible), designed for potential segregation when the main building is closed.
- (3) Access Improvements comprising of: enhanced front access with stone paving and metal railings matching the original features; and secondary accessible entrance at the rear with a ramp (1:20 slope) extending south and metal railings.
- (4) Public Realm Enhancements comprising of: soft and hard landscaping; biodiversity planting; public lighting; and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS).
- (5) A designated loading area for the Kilkenny Local Studies Hub.
- (6) The provision of car parking spaces, including 2 no. designated accessible space.

- (7) The provision of bicycle parking spaces to the north-east of the building.
- (8) All associated site development works, including above- and below-ground services.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours from the 20th December, 2024 to the 28th January, 2025, inclusive, at the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny from 9 a.m. to 1. p.m. & 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday excluding public holidays, in particular from 24th December 2024 to 1st January 2025, inclusive. Details of the proposed development can also be viewed at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/>

In accordance with the requirements of Article 120(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) the Planning Authority determined the proposed development required Appropriate Assessment screening and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Kilkenny County Council Planning Authority has undertaken and completed Appropriate Assessment Stage 1 Screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site(s), if the above project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on European Site(s).

In accordance with Articles 42(2) and 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Kilkenny County Council Planning Authority has made a determination following Stage 1 Screening that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment or Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required on the basis of objective information and in light of the conservation objectives of the relevant European Site(s), that the project, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would not have a significant effect on a European Site.

As per Article 120(3) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, where any person considers that the development proposed to be carried out 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 the publication of this notice apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be carried out, may be made online at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/>, in writing to the Planning Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny or sent to the following email address planning@kilkennycoco.ie.

The latest time and date for receipt of submissions on the development is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th February 2025. Submissions should be clearly marked 'Kilkenny Local Studies Hub and Public Realm Enhancements, Kilkenny Part 8 Submission'.

Signed: Denis Malone, A/Director of Services, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny R95 A39T

Date of Notice: 20th December 2024

