



POP CULTURE

# Ringo to sell 500 life-size statues of his famous 'peace and love' gesture

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RINGO STARR has unveiled a collection of 500 life-size statues of his famous "peace and love" hand gesture, which are to be sold online for charity.

The gesture is the former Beatles drummer's signature greeting and symbolises his message of "positivity and light" to the world.

Two hundred and fifty stainless steel and 250 bronze original artworks, designed and signed by Starr, will each come with a certificate of authenticity and be housed in a "Ringo Peace and Love" box.

Each statue is 25cm tall with a 12cm base and weighs 1.6kg, with the stainless-steel versions on sale for \$5,000 (€4,870) and the bronze for \$2,000 (€1,940). Proceeds from the sale, available exclusively online at Julien's Auctions, will go towards the Lotus Foundation.

The organisation supports charitable projects aimed at advancing social welfare in diverse areas including substance abuse, domestic violence victims, homelessness and animals in need. Starr (82) has become synonymous with the symbol and its message, which has become the focal point of his annual Peace



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and Love global birthday celebrations, which feature a star-studded line-up of musical friends and family.

He has also commissioned the construction of a 363kg stainless steel monument of the hand symbol in his adopted hometown of Beverly Hills, California.

Julien's Auctions has broken world records with previous sales of Beatles memorabilia, including Ringo Starr's Ludwig drum kit which sold for a record €2.14m, The Beatles' *White Album*, owned by Starr, and John Lennon's acoustic guitar which sold for €2.33m.

Last month, Starr was forced to cancel the remainder of his North American tour after testing positive for Covid-19 twice within two weeks.



Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh  
Kilkenny County Council

## NOTICE PURSUANT TO: SECTION 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

### N24 CARRICK ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, WEST OF MOONCOIN VILLAGE, IN THE TOWNLANDS OF CLONMORE, GRANGE, POLLRONE AND MOONCOIN, COUNTY KILKENNY.

#### Notice of Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval

Notice is hereby given that Kilkenny County Council intends to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) to carry out a proposed development along a section of the N24 route west of Mooncoin Village in the townlands of Clonmore, Grange, Pollrone and Mooncoin in County Kilkenny.

The proposed N24 Carrick Road Improvement Scheme will consist of the realignment of a 2.2km section of the N24 to remove a series of bands to the west of Mooncoin in Co. Kilkenny. The scheme is surrounded predominantly by agricultural land. Townlands affected include Clonmore, Pollrone, Grange and Mooncoin.

The proposed scheme involves:

- Pavement works which will consist of approximately 900m of online realignment and 1300m of offline realignment works.
- Surface water drainage.
- Provision of 2no. attenuation pond, with 2m high palisade fencing, one on the western side of the scheme and other on the eastern side.
- Provision of a construction compound at the location of the proposed eastern attenuation pond.
- Proposed realignment of the Skelpstown 16 stream which flows through the site with box culvert for stream crossing.
- Provision of a combined road underbridge and cattle underpass.
- Provision of 1.5m footpath underneath the new road at the location of underbridge.
- Provision of a timber post and tension mesh fences along much of the scheme length, as well as 2.5m wide shared surface/footpath either side of the carriageway on the eastern side of the Scheme.
- Provision of agricultural access tracks and adjacent field access tracks.
- Fencing; safety barriers; kerb line; signage; and all site development and landscaping works.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

A copy of the plans and particulars of the proposed development and the Natura Impact Statement will be available for inspection free of charge between Friday 25th November 2022 and Friday 20th January 2023 (Inclusive of both dates) at the following locations:

- The consultation website of Kilkenny County Council at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en>
- The Planning Section of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny City. R95 A39T between the hours 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays & 28th December 2022),
- Piltown Municipal District Offices, Kilkenny County Council, Ferrybank Shopping Centre, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny, X91DE42; from 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays & 28th December 2022),
- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays & 28th December 2022)

In accordance with the requirements of Article 120(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and Section 50(1) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended), the local authority has made a preliminary examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development. The authority has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

As per Article 120(3) 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.

The Natura Impact Statement and the Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected free of charge at the locations identified or purchased for a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy).

Any submissions and observations on the proposed development in relation to –

- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out,

may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902.

Any submission/observation must be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than on or before 5.30pm on Friday 20th January 2023.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (As Amended).

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Dated this 23rd November 2022.

Tim Butler,  
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Kilkenny County Council