**Offaly County Council**

**Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended.**

Notice is hereby given that Offaly County Council proposes to carry out Proposed refurbishment and development of Birr Courthouse (protected structure RPS no. 49-252) at Emmet Street, Birr, Co. Offaly

The proposed development will include the following:

1. Refurbishment works to the existing former courthouse building (a Protected Structure, RPS number 49-252) to provide multipurpose spaces, offices and meeting rooms and small infill extension to rear (c.403sqm).
2. The construction of a two-storey escape stairs to the rear of the building to facilitate escape in the event of fire (c.15 sqm).
3. The construction of a single-storey storage shed within the rear yard (c.105 sqm).
4. External lighting to the building
5. Provision of one accessible car parking space to the rear of the site.

The development has been the subject of an Appropriate Assessment screening in accordance with the EU Habitats Directive and the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. The Appropriate Assessment screening concluded that the proposed development would not be likely to give rise to significant or indeterminate impacts on any European site.

Offaly County Council has carried out a preliminary examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development and has determined that the proposed development will not have significant effects on the environment and does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Any person may, within 4 weeks, beginning on **8th August 2024**, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

For a period of **4 (four) weeks**, beginning on **Thursday 8th August 2024**, plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours at the offices of Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, County Offaly, R35 F893 and the offices of Birr Municipal District, Wilmer Road, Birr, County Offaly R42 X271.

For a period of **6 (six) weeks**, beginning on **Thursday 8th August 2024**, 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 Director of Services.

The drawings and particulars of the proposed development are also available to view online at: [**https://www.offaly.ie/Part-8-Schemes/**](https://www.offaly.ie/Part-8-Schemes/) from **8th August 2024** to **5th September 2024** inclusive.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may also be made in writing to: Ann Dillon, Director of Services, Offaly County Council, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly R35 F893 to be received not later than 5.00 p.m. on **19th September 2024**. Submissions should be clearly marked: Birr Courthouse, Emmet Street, Co. Offaly, Part VIII.

Please note that all submissions and observations, including the names of those making such submissions and observations, will form part of the Chief Executives report to council members in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended and are therefore subject to public viewing.

Note: Only submissions made in the above manner will be considered as valid submissions for the purposes of the Chief Executive’s Report that will be presented to Council.

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