Newspaper Notice

CORK CITY COUNCIL

Part 8 Planning Notice

Notice under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and

Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Pursuant to the requirements of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and in accordance with the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Cork City Council plans to carry out the project titled:

Tower Pedestrian Scheme, Tower, Cork City

The proposed development will comprise the following elements:

- Construction of a new curvilinear pedestrian bridge approximately 45m in length and approximately 1.8m in width crossing the River Shournagh adjacent to the existing Tower Bridge.
- Upgrading and widening of existing footpath infrastructure along approximately 800m of the L-2779 Bawnnafinny Road corridor.
- Provision of improved and enhanced pedestrian facilities along the route, generally targeting a 2.0m footpath width where feasible.
- Junction and pedestrian crossing improvements at the interfaces with Oakmount (L-6908), Sycamore Falls (L-6873), Model Village (L-6841) and Muskerry Heights (L-6872).
- Provision of several raised-table pedestrian crossings and associated traffic calming measures.
- Public lighting improvements.
- Road safety improvements, signage and road markings were appropriate.
- Utility protection, diversion and accommodation works where required for the delivery of the scheme.
- Ancillary drainage, landscaping and environmental mitigation measures required for scheme delivery.

In accordance with the Habitats Directive, an Appropriate Assessment Screening has been carried out in relation to any potential impacts upon the Cork Harbour Special Protection Area [Site No. 004030] and the Great Island Channel Special Area of Conservation [Site No. 001058]. The findings of the AA screening noted that no significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites are likely, and it was not necessary to undertake any further stage of the Appropriate Assessment process.

In addition, the proposed development has been screened to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required and it has been determined that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effects on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, within 4 weeks beginning on the **27th October 2026**, apply to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Such a submission should be addressed to the Secretary, An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development, including an Appropriate Assessment screening report and an Environmental Impact Assessment screening report are available to view by visiting https://consult.corkcity.ie.

Alternatively, the Plans & Particulars will be available for inspection or purchase during normal working hours from **Tuesday 27th October 2026 to Tuesday 8th December 2026** at the Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork, and will also be available for inspection only during the same period at Blarney Library during normal working hours.

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development is situated, may be made;

• In writing to the Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development, City Hall, Cork. It should be clearly marked "Part 8 in respect of proposed Tower Pedestrian Scheme"

Or

• Electronically at https://consult.corkcity.ie

The Closing date for all submissions is **Tuesday 22nd December 2026 at 4pm.**

All comments, including names and addresses of those making submissions and observations, submitted to Cork City Council in regard to this scheme, will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at the monthly meeting of Cork City Council. Accordingly, they will be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain. Cork City Council will retain data for no longer than is necessary and in accordance with the Council's Retention Policy and relevant Data Protection legislation.

Signed: Valerie O'Sullivan

Chief Executive, Cork City Council