



Notice of Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval
Proposed Upgrade of a Section of Existing Access
Roadway at Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, North West Slob,
Ardcavan, Wexford, Co. Wexford.

Pursuant to Section 177AE of the *Planning and Development Act 2000* (as amended) and the requirements as set out in Article 121 of the *Planning and Development Regulations 2001* (as amended), notice is hereby given that *National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage*, proposes to make an application for approval to *An Bord Pleanála* to carry out a proposed development along a section of the existing access roadway at Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, North West Slob, Ardcavan, Wexford, Co. Wexford, comprising the following works:

- Excavation of existing surface to formation levels and placing and compaction of base course and wearing course macadam overlay along 842 linear metres of the existing roadway.
- Construction of side drains along the northern edge of the sections of roadway to be upgraded.
- Reinstatement of grass margins in areas adjacent to constructed side drains.

An Appropriate Assessment Report Comprising a Stage 1 Screening Report and Stage 2 Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared 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.

The Wexford Wildfowl Reserve was established as a nature reserve in 1981. The site of the proposed works is situated within the boundaries of the Wexford Harbour and Slob Special Protection Area (Site Code 004076).

A copy of the plans and particulars relating to this proposed development together with the *Appropriate Assessment Report Comprising a Stage 1 Screening Report and Stage 2 Natura Impact Statement (NIS)* will be available for inspection free of charge or can be purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy) during the period from Friday 14th June 2024 to Friday 26th July 2024 (Inclusive of both dates) at the following locations:



- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902. (Opening hours are between the hours of 9.15am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, Good Friday and certain other days).
- The consultation website of <https://www.wexfordwildfowlreserve.ie/access-road-resurfacing/>
- The Visitor Centre, Wexford Wildfowl Reserves, North West Slob, Ardavan, Wexford, Co. Wexford. Y35 EY89 (Opening hours are between the hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays).

Any submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development may be made in writing to **An Bord Pleanála** in relation to:

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

Submissions and/or observations should be made in writing to *An Bord Pleanála*, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902 and must be received by *An Bord Pleanála* not later than on or before 5.30pm on Friday 26th July 2024.

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 or on the Citizens Information website www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed By  on the 12th June 2024

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