**Laois County Council**

**Notice of Application to An Bord Pleanala for Approval**

**Silt/Gravel Deposits removal using mini excavator & vacuum excavator at N80 Bridge, Stradbally River, Stradbally, Co Laois.**

Pursuant to section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Laois County Council proposes to make an application for approval to an Bord Pleanala forthe following development:

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The Board may, in relation to an application for approval under section 177AE, of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, may give approval to the application for development with

or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

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The proposed works involve the topping of the vegetated gravel and silt deposits/ berms within the channel will involve the removal of material above river bed level at the time of the proposed works using an excavator. The exposed deposited silt will be removed using an excavator above river bed level. The proposed works will be carried out during July 1st and September 30th inclusive and will be carried out during a period of low water levels.

The Stradbally River is a tributary of the River Barrow. Both the Stradbally and Barrow rivers are designated as a European site; River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002162).

The Plans and Particulars and NIS will be available for inspection free of charge, or may be purchased on payment of a small fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during normal office 9.30 - 5.00pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays), except where stated otherwise below, during the period from 21st June 2022 to 9th August 2022 inclusive, at the following locations;

* The offices of An Bord Pleanala, 64 Marlborogh Street, Dublin 1
* By appointment at Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise. Appointments must be arranged in advance by emailing Donnacha Reynolds dreynolds@laoiscoco.ie or by contacting 057 8664000.
* The Natura Impact Statement, will also be available for viewing online at <https://consult.laois.ie> from **21st June 2022 to 9th August 2022** inclusive.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made in writing to the An Bord Pleanála in relation to

1. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development;
2. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development; and
3. the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site,

If carried out.

Submissions or observations should be made in writing to An Bord Pleanala, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, not later than on or before 5.00pm on 9th August 2022

**Simon Walton**

**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES**