

Planning and Development Acts 2000-2017

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development Limerick City & County Council

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), **Shannon Foynes Port Company** gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year permission for proposed development at the Port of Foynes, Foynes, and within the townlands of Corgrig and Durnish, Co. Limerick.

The proposed development seeks to provide for Port Capacity Extension that will consist of the following:

- (1) **Modifications to the existing jetties and quays to include:** connection of the existing West Quay to the existing East Jetty for the purpose of extending the length of the existing quay to facilitate the mooring of vessels and Port related operations. Development works consist of; (i) Construction of an open piled jetty structure with suspended 116.5 metre concrete deck connecting the West Quay to the East Jetty; (ii) quayside furniture including quay fenders, mooring bollards, safety ladders, toe rail, and lighting columns, (iii) construction and remedial works to the both existing West Quay and East Jetty ends to facilitate structural 'tie-in' of the proposed new jetty structure, (iv) removal of the existing small craft landing pontoon and walkway from its current position affixed to the shore between the West Quay and the East Jetty, and provision of a new small craft landing pontoon and walkway affixed to the western side of the West Quay wall, and, (v) all associated site development works; and
- (2) **Phased Expansion of the Port Estate** on 33.95 hectares of land immediately adjacent to the east of the existing port estate to provide serviced industrial land, and, to accommodate marine related industry, port centric logistics and associated infrastructure that will be provided in accordance with a development framework programme prepared for the overall 'expansion' area and which is lodged with the planning application. The development includes:
 - (I) site development and infrastructure works to the entire expansion lands on a phased basis including (a) raising of ground levels with fill material to a typical height of +4.44m OD Malin; (b) provision of all associated services including storm water infrastructure and, modification to the existing OPW drainage attenuation system; (c) provision of 2.4m high perimeter fencing, (d) landscaping berms and treatments, and (e) all associated site development works; all to be delivered on a phased basis; and
 - (II) Implementation and use of 'Phase 1' of port expansion works including: (a) modification and realignment to part of the existing port estate access road including provision of new roundabout and junction arrangements on that road, and associated lighting, and storm water drainage; (b) provision of new internal Port access road (with associated footpath and combined cycle path) including the provision of bridge structures to facilitate access across existing drainage channels; (c) construction of three covered industrial type warehouse units (with typical maximum ridge height of 15.1m above raised ground level) with associated external storage, parking and circulation areas; (d) the provision of separate dedicated uncovered 'open' storage area/container storage area and associated circulation and service area (with maximum container stacking height of 8m if/when container storage required); (e) provision of Klargest BE model (or similar) package foul water treatment system with polishing filter and discharge to ground to serve the Phase 1a expansion area; (f) modifications to existing 'Foynes Engineering' industrial building which involves the removal of the 'lean-to' structure affixed to the main building and remedial building and site development works; (g) provision of an ESB electrical substation; (h) provision of lighting columns within the 'Phase 1' expansion area; (i) provision of a new security kiosk and access control barrier on the existing Port access road; (j) provision of noise attenuation measures along parts of the southern and western boundary of 'Phase 1' expansion area; (k) fire water storage infrastructure; (l) provision of a 'bus-stop' on the existing Port access road; (m) landscaping; and (n) all associated site development works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development, and accompanies the application. A Discharge Licence to Waters and a Foreshore Licence will be required for the proposed development. The proposed development is located within a consultation zone for establishments to which the Major Accident Directive applies.

A copy of the application documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of 7 weeks commencing on **May 15th, 2018** at the following locations: The Office of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, and the Office of Limerick City & County Council, County Buildings, Dooradoyle, Limerick. The application documents may also be viewed on the following website:
<http://planning.sfpc.ie>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (the Board) at 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 during the above mentioned period of 7 weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and (iii) the likely significant effects or adverse effects on the integrity of a European Site, if carried out. Any submissions / observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the **2nd July 2018** and must include the following information: (i) the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent, (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to: (a)(i) grant the permission; or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified; or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind; and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions; or (b) refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone No. 01 8588100). A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be assessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed: 
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