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**Our Ref:** 11244-04-04

17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Your Ref:**

The Minister,  
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media,  
23 Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2,  
D02 TD30

**Re: Proposed Development of Walking Trail at Cappoquin Co. Waterford  
Section 177AE Planning Application**

Dear Sir/Madam

Waterford City and County Council are proposing to develop a new walking trail at Cappoquin Co. Waterford. This will generally consist of a 1km looped walk on the western periphery of Cappoquin, along the banks of the River Blackwater. The proposed walking trail will cross the River Blackwater via the Old Red Railway Bridge, which will be reconditioned for the proposed amenity use.

The AA Screening process has concluded that potential effects on the Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC cannot be screened out and consequently a Natura Impact Statement has been prepared for the proposed development.

Waterford City and County Council have made an application for planning permission under Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

As a Prescribed Body with a potential interest in this proposed development, we now enclose the following documentation pertaining to the proposed development, comprising:

- Planning and Particulars, including:
  - Flood Risk Assessment at Appendix A
  - Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment at Appendix B

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- AA Screening Report and Natura Impact Statement
- Planning Drawings, as follows:

11624-LD-PLN-010	Site Location
11624-LD-PLN-011	Site Plan
11624-LD-PLN-020	General Arrangements Sheet 1
11624-LD-PLN-021	General Arrangements Sheet 2
11624-LD-PLN-022	General Arrangements Sheet 3
11624-LD-PLN-023	General Arrangements Sheet 4
11624-LD-PLN-024	General Arrangements Sheet 5
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11624-LD-PLN-029	General Arrangements Sheet 10
11624-LD-PLN-030	General Arrangements Sheet 11
11624-LD-SEC-601	Sections Sheet 1
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11624-LD-SEC-603	Section Elevations Sheet 1
11624-LD-SEC-604	Section Elevations Sheet 2
11624-LD-SEC-605	Section Elevations Sheet 3
11624-LD-SEC-606	Section Elevations Sheet 4
11624-LD-SEC-607	Section Elevations Sheet 5

Submissions or observations on the proposed development may be made in writing only to **An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01V902** during the above-mentioned period relating to:

- I. The impact of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area or areas concerned.
- II. The likely effects of the proposed development on the environment, and
- III. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site.

Submissions or observations must be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than **5.30 pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**.

Yours sincerely,

*Brian Gallagher*

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