

## Maintenance of Hedges/Shrubs/Trees etc

Longford County Council wishes to bring to the notice of landowners and occupiers of land the potential hazards and dangers to road users where trees, shrubs, hedges or other vegetation are not maintained

Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993 provides that

- Owners of lands along Public Roads are obliged to ensure that roadside hedges and trees do not present a hazard or obstruction to road users
- Owners or occupiers of land should take all necessary care to ensure that the structures on their land are not, or could not become, a danger to those using a Public Road or to somebody carrying out maintenance or improvement work on it

Please be advised as follows:

- Hedgerows along Public Roads that require cutting or trimming back should be cut immediately and all cuttings removed from the roads and verges
  - Overhanging vegetation in urban areas should be cut back from footpaths and at junctions
  - Dead and unsafe trees on the roadside are particularly dangerous and should be removed immediately
  - Landowners are responsible for the cost of removing fallen trees from public roads
  - Professional advice on the condition of roadside trees should be obtained from time to time
  - Longford County Council will under section 70 of the Roads Act 1993 serve a 'Hedge Cutting Notice' on those who do not carry out this obligation
  - Longford County Council will prosecute those who fail to comply with these Notices
  - To avoid harming wildlife and under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976, incorporating section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000, the times for hedge and verge cutting are set out as follows
    - Hedge Cutting Season commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020
    - Hedge Cutting can be carried out over a period of 6 months
    - Hedge Cutting to finish on the last day of February 2021
  - Longford County Council can take action where they consider that a hazard exists and seek the costs from Landowners where the Council have to carry out the work
- Any member of the public who is aware of a hazard or safety issue can contact Longford County Council on [roads@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:roads@longfordcoco.ie)

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Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the requirements of the above regulations that Longford County Council proposes to undertake the following works:

## “Decommission and dismantle existing 48.2m high mast and construct a new 3 leg multifunctional 48m high CCTV and communication mast”

The development will consist of:

Decommission and dismantle existing 48.2m high mast and construct a new 3 leg multifunctional 48m high CCTV and communication mast at a different location within the site boundary at Connolly Barracks (This work will take place on the grounds of Protected Structures). The new mast shall include the construction of equipment cabinet and ancillary works within a secure enclosed compound, at Abbeycarton, Longford.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee, not exceeding the reasonable cost of making the copy, at the office of Longford County Council, Aras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford during official public opening hours, excluding weekends and bank holidays from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 up to and including Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

Submissions with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, may be made in writing to Longford County Council, headed

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and addressed to Planning Section, Longford County Council, Aras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford to arrive not later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020 at 4pm.

Signed:

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