

Project Description

Construction of a 500 seat outdoor Community amphitheatre in former Council Depot at Commons North Lime Quarry, Lanesborough, Co. Longford. Description to be read in association with accompanying drawings.

The development will consist of:

1. Permanent tiered seating (500 seats)
2. Stage with canvas canopy and steel support structure.
3. Temporary public 'porta-loos' including 1 no. accessible 'porta-loo'.
4. 1 no. 20 foot container (14 sqm) modified for equipment storage.
5. 1 no. 20 foot container (14 sqm) modified to contain function services (temporary bar, first aid).
6. 1 no. Sound booth (7 sqm).
7. Site lighting.
8. Associated landscaping and ancillary site works.

The proposed development is for an outdoor concert venue set in the former lime quarry (currently a council depot) in Commons North, Lanesborough, Co. Longford. It will comprise tiered seating (500 seats) in a landscaped embankment, with a stage with a canvas / steel canopy. The existing stone quarry face forms the backdrop to the stage. Site area: 6,180 sqm.

Ancillary accommodation (temporary toilets, bar, first aid, storage) are provided to service events.

Car parking is provided in the existing public car park adjacent to Lanesborough Bridge, from which existing pedestrian footpaths provide access to the venue site.

It is proposed that the venue will operate on Friday and Saturday evenings for the months of June, July and August, for live music performances.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010, and the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, and a Natura Impact Statement has been prepared.

In addition, the proposal has also undergone screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, (and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended) which concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not required.