

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENTS ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED) & PLANNING & DEVELOPMENTS REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER BANK OF IRELAND BUILDING, CARNEW

In accordance with provisions of PART XI of the Planning Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Wicklow County Council hereby gives notice that it intends to refurbish the former Bank of Ireland Building, Main Street, Carnew, Co. Wicklow and adapt it for use as a remote working hub, incorporating retrofitting and accessibility enhancements.

The development will comprise a change of use from the existing bank to a communitybased Remote Working Hub, and all associated refurbishment works to the existing building, and a new, single-storey lean-to extension to the rear of the property connected to the existing building by a new pitched roof structure with a glazed entrance and enclosing the existing flat roofed vault, and the erection of a new shopfront and signage at the front of the building including an integrated decorative entrance gate. The aim of the development is to provide an active and vibrant working environment on Carnew Main Street and to promote well-being, inclusion, and community cohesion for those using and interacting with the building.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Article 250(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), the development has been the subject of an Appropriate Assessment Screening. The Screening determined that an Appropriate Assessment was not required as the Proposed Development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2002 (as amended), Wicklow County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of Article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Where any person considers that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of publication of this notice, apply in accordance with the provisions of Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have such effects.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during office hours Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays, at the following locations between **Wednesday 12th March**, 2025 and Tuesday 8th April, 2025:

- 1. The Office of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, A67 FW96, Co. Wicklow
- 2. Baltinglass Municipal District Office, Blessington Business Park, Blessington, Co. Wicklow W91 RTV0
- 3. Tinahely Area Office, Coolruss, Tinahely, Co Wicklow, Y14 AY19

Plans and particulars are also available to view on <u>www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub</u> Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the developments will be situated, may be made in writing to Caroline Cullimore, Administrative Officer, Economic Development Office of Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96. Submissions may also be made by email via the following addresses <u>economicdevelopment@wicklowcoco.ie</u> or online at <u>www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub</u>

All submissions must be made on or before **12 noon on Tuesday 22nd April, 2025.** Submissions and observations should be clearly marked **"Former Bank of Ireland, Carnew, Part 8"**.

Caroline Cullimore, Administrative Officer, Planning Economic and Rural Development, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, A67 FW96.