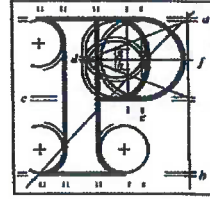


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Josephine Rogers  
Acres and Drumduff North  
Drumshanbo  
Co. Leitrim

Date: 10 November 2021

Re: Facility centre for water sports activities, construction of a car park and raised pedestrian crossing.  
Part 8 Development  
Acres and Drumduff North, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your letter requesting it to exercise its power under article 120(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, to require the local authority to prepare an environmental impact statement in respect of the above-mentioned proposed development.

The matter is receiving attention.

Please be advised, there is no fee to request an EIAR screening determination. A refund will issue to you under separate cover.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton  
Executive Officer  
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# Screening Determination

Part 8 Public Notice

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To Whom It May Concern.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> a public notice was erected across the road from my home, the notice was for a Part 8 Planning and Development for a building to facilitate canoers and paddle boarders with showers, changing rooms and toilets and a 70 space carpark.

The area of the lake is small as is its surrounds and already on the site is an Interpretative centre, outdoor swimming pool, children's play area, fishing platform, tennis courts, piers for pleasure cruise boats, a green area and a car park for 17 cars. The building is to be built on 7 of the car park spaces nearest the beginning of the Blueway Walkway. A report was commissioned by the Council in relation to the impact that the proposed building would have on the ecological status of the area but no report was made on the impact of the car park being built on the wetlands. The Council have concluded that the proposed development does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment but I as a concerned citizen think that it is very much needed.

An extensive system of streams and drains enter the Shannon system at Acres Lake and the capability of the lake to absorb this outflow relies in part on the wetland nature of the land proposed for parking. A detailed study is required on the impact of the loss of the wetland to a carpark would have on the local surface drainage system which extends far beyond the vicinity of the lake.

Acres lake is drained through a canal system and therefore has a very slow rate of exchange of water. Any drainage from a carpark is likely to include amounts of oil and fuel remnants from vehicles. (It is noted from the plans that the surface drainage from the carpark is to existing drains rather than to the SUDS system nearer the amenity area) The risk of persistent oil pollution into the lake would affect the fishing on the lake, as we have many fishermen travelling from Europe to fish on the lake as well as surrounding waterways.

We have wonderful flora and fauna around the area which may be lost forever if this proposal is allowed without an impact assessment by an independent company.

Josephine Rogers