

New €10m public swimming pool for Balbriggan

A new €10m public swimming pool is to be built in Balbriggan, Fingal County Council has announced.

Castlelands, one kilometre south of the town, has been chosen by the authority as the location of the six-lane 25 metre pool.

The project has now moved to preliminary design and planning stages. It is expected the project will be ready to go to planning by the end of this year and, subject to funding, construction could commence by the end of 2026.

The new facility will incorporate a changing village, reception area with café and a viewing gallery.

It will be located south of the area's Link Road, directly opposite the site of a proposed new school.

An integrated design team led by UK-based company ReCreation has developed preliminary plans.

The provision of a public swimming pool was a key ask of the survey by Balbriggan.ie in 2019, aimed at shaping an order of priorities to transform the town.

The findings subsequently shaped Fingal County Council's ongoing €54-57million Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme.

In 2024, a study which reached out to local teens also highlighted the need for a public swimming pool in Balbriggan.

Dr David Begg, Chairperson of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group, which oversees Fingal County Council's Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme, warmly welcomed the announcement.

He said the swimming pool would have a profound and positive social impact on Balbriggan.

"As we know, Balbriggan is home to one of the youngest, fastest growing and most diverse populations in Ireland.

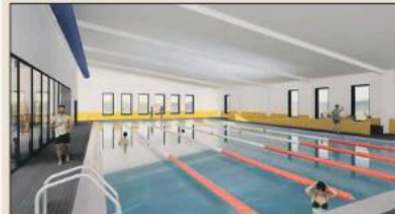
"There is an unmatched determination across the community of Balbriggan to build a bright future for the area and this initiative will assist in doing just that.

"This project is a symbol of the progress being made in Balbriggan - informed and shaped by the community - and which will provide a well-designed public facility for people to not only enjoy, but feel proud of."

According to AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, the long planned facility will prove hugely significant.

"Fingal County Council has long been aware of the need for a public swimming pool in Balbriggan," she said.

"We will plan well to deliver a very significant facility for the people of the town and surrounding areas. The announcement is another significant milestone in our ambition to redevelop Balbriggan and represents further significant investment in the town by Fingal County Council."



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FÓGRA POIBLÍ

AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL LIMISTÉIR MHIURÍ, 2021 AGUS RIALACHÁIN NA GCOMHPHOBAL EORPACH (ÉIN AGUS GNÁTHÓGA NÁDÚRTHA), 2011

CUIREADH CHUN AIGHNEACHTAÍ POIBLÍ MAIDIR LE HIARRATAS AR CHEADÚNAS ÚSAÍDE MUIRÍ AGUS MEASÚNÚ CUI

Chuir Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath iarratas isteach ar an 22 Eanáir 2024 chuig an Údarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí ("MARA") ar cheadúnas úsaíde mhuirí faoi alt 117 den Acht um Pleanáil Limistéir Mhuirí 2021 chun suirbhé comhshaoil agus oibreacha imscrúdaithe talún a dhéanamh d'fhonn bonn eolais a chur faoi dhearadh Dhróichead an Phoirt agus Tionscadal Leathnaithe Tom Clarke atá beartaithe.

Cuireadh ráiteas tionchair Natura gaolmhar isteach leis an iarratas ar cheadúnas thuas. Tá an t-iarratas ar cheadúnas agus an ráiteas tionchair Natura ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh ar shuíomh gréasáin MARA LIC230007 - MARA - An Rialálaí Mhuirí agus ag an seoladh seo a leanas trí cheapachán - An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí, 2ú hUirlár, Teach Menapia, Páirc Ghnó Dhraighní, Draighneach, Loch Garman, Y35 RF29.

Féadfaidh daoine den phobal ar mian leo aighneacht a dhéanamh i scríbhinn chuig MARA maidir leis an iarratas ar cheadúnas agus an ráiteas tionchair Natura a é sin a dhéanamh ag lua tagairt: LIC230007 chuig an seoladh ríomhphoist seo a leanas licence@mara.gov.ie nó tríd an bpost chuig an seoladh seo a leanas - An tAonad Ceadúnais, An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí, An 2ú hUirlár, Teach Menapia, Páirc Ghnó Dhraighní, Draighneach, Loch Garman, Y35 RF29.

Is é an dáta deiridh agus an t-am le haighneacht scríofa a bheith faighte ag MARA ná 17.30 a chlog ar an 6ú Bealtaine 2025.

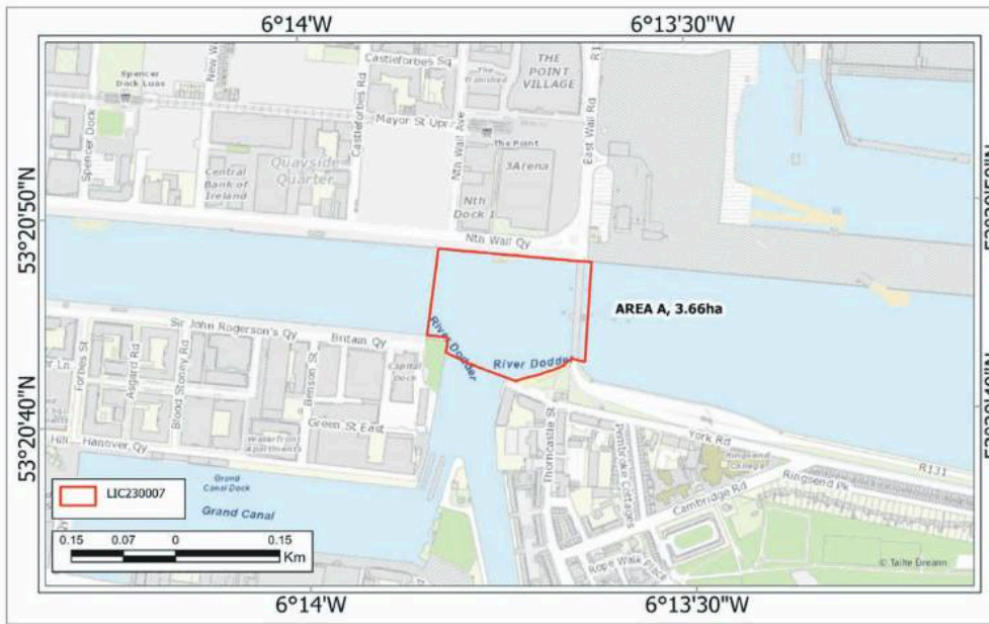
Déanfaidh MARA ansin, a luaite is indéanta, an cinneadh measúnaithe iomchuí i gcomhréir le Rialachán 42 de Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Éin agus Gnáthóga Nádurtha), 2011. Deonóidh MARA an t-iarratas ar cheadúnas ina iomlán, go páirteach nó diúltóidh sé é tar éis an cinneadh a ghlacadh.

Arna dhátú an 3ú lá seo de Aibreán de 2025.

An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí

A shinigh: John Flanagan,
Leas-Phríomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin agus Innealtóir Cathrach.

Ar son agus thar cheann Chomhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MARITIME AREA PLANNING ACT 2021 AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON AN APPLICATION FOR A MARITIME USAGE LICENCE AND AN APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Dublin City Council submitted an application on 22nd January 2024 to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority ("MARA") for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake environmental survey and ground investigation works in order to inform the design of proposed Point Bridge and Tom Clarke Widening Project.

A related Natura impact statement has been submitted with the above licence application. The licence application and the Natura impact statement are available for inspection on MARA's website LIC230007 - MARA - The Maritime Regulator and at the following address by appointment - Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the licence application and the Natura impact statement may do so quoting ref: LIC230007 to the following e-mail address licence@mara.gov.ie or by post to the following address - Licence Unit, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The closing date and time for a written submission to be received by MARA is 17.30hrs on 6th May 2025.

MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

Dated this 3rd day of April of 2025.

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Signed: John Flanagan,
Assistant Chief Executive and City Engineer.
For and behalf of Dublin City Council.