

Rents rising in Carlow

DESPITE falling prices on rental properties around the county last year, Carlow rents are still higher than they were at the end of 2010. According to a new report released by daft.ie rental prices around the county fell 4.2% in the final six months of 2011.

But despite this significant drop, rental prices across Carlow were still 1.9% higher at the end of the year than the same period in 2010.

Nonetheless the cost of renting a house in the county, which now costs an average of €643, is almost 20% cheaper than the peak.

Minister for Social Protection Joan Bruton is said to be considering a review of the rent supplement allowance adding: "it is essential that rents are allowed to stabilise from a natural balance of supply and demand, rather than as a result of a price floor funded by the taxpayer."

Daft.ie economist Ronan Lyons commented "It

will be interesting to see whether any changes to the rent supplement thresholds have an impact on the wider rental market, especially later in the year when leases are renewed. Any effect is unlikely to be evenly felt in all areas though, as some areas, such as Cork city and certain parts of Dublin, are already seeing increasing rents, which suggests underlying demand from a build-up of first-time buyers."

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NOTICE OF PLANNING APPROVAL APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT County Carlow

In accordance with Section 175/Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Carlow County Council gives notice of its intention to make an application for approval to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the existing non-hazardous waste landfill, in the townland of **Powerstown, County Carlow**. The application is for the continued operation of landfilling activities which will allow filling of the remaining constructed void space at the landfill. Other infrastructure on-site includes a civic amenity facility, site offices, leachate and gas management systems, weighbridge and ancillary structures. The application is also for increasing the maximum annual waste input from 40,000 tonnes per annum to 50,000 tonnes per annum. It is not proposed to develop extra cells or to create extra landfill capacity.

The proposed development relates to an activity covered by waste licence (No. W0025-03) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. A review of this waste licence will be required for the proposed increase in waste throughput.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The application, the EIS and the NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of

a specified fee during public opening hours for a period of six weeks commencing on Monday 20th February 2012 at the:

- Offices of Carlow County Council, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow and
- Office of Carlow County Council, Assembly Rooms, 40 Dublin Street, Carlow

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (the Board), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 not later than 5.30pm on Monday 2nd April 2012 relating to:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned
- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development
- The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out

Submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies). The Board may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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