

Varadkar says burning of his image not a reflection of majority's opinion in North

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Taoiseach Leo Varadkar does not believe the image of his poster being burned on a loyalist bonfire accurately reflected the opinion of the majority of unionists or Northern Ireland residents towards the Republic and its leaders.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) is investigating the incident in Tyrone on Saturday evening as a potential hate crime.

Photographs, videos and social media posts about the construction of the giant bonfire, as well as it being set alight, are being studied by police.

A large poster of the Taoiseach was erected on top of an old boat, bedecked with two tricolours and a placard criticising the Good Friday Agreement. It was then set alight.

A large crowd attended the bonfire burning and cheered as it vanished in flames.



Irish flags and a poster of Leo Varadkar were set alight in Co Tyrone

Speaking in Cork yesterday, Mr Varadkar said he was aware of the incident but did not believe it reflected the opinion of the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland.

"I saw that image and I don't think it's reflective in any way of the opinion of unionists in Northern Ireland and the opinion of the general public in Northern Ireland," he said.

"Any time I travel north of the Border, I get a very good welcome, a very good reception in unionist and nationalist communities and from all sections of society really, so I think it's the actions of a small minority of people.

"It won't distract us in any way from our main mission here, which is to get the Good Friday Agreement working again and the [Northern Ireland] institutions up and running."

Unionist leaders have condemned the placing of the Irish flag and Mr Varadkar's picture on the bonfire.

DUP leader Jeffrey Donaldson tweeted: "I am proud of my tradition but if we want respect for our culture & identity, then we must show respect to others.

"Burning the flag of our neighbouring state & a poster of the head of government of that state is disrespectful and wrong. It is not culture!"

Ulster Unionist Party leader Doug Beattie said: "This is not acceptable, it

is childish and promotes hate. Again, the many are let down by a few."

Most of the bonfires to mark Northern Ireland's traditional July 12 celebrations will be lit tomorrow, July 11.

July 12 marks the victory of Protestant King William of Orange over Catholic King James II in the Battle of the Boyne in 1690.

William of Orange's victory secured a Protestant line of succession for the British crown.

There has been controversy around bonfires in recent years, with election posters and Irish flags hung from the stacks of wood, with some towering more than 100ft high.

Meanwhile, the annual Orange Order Drumcree parade took place in Co Armagh yesterday.

Orange Order members held a short protest at the police lines barring them from the return route along the mainly nationalist Garvaghy Road.



AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ) NA RIALACHÁIN UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2001 (ARNA LEASÚ) CUID 8

Iarratasóir: Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, an Rannóg Comhshaoil agus Iompair, Oifigí na Cathrach, an Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, D08 RF3F

Suíomh: Cosán Tarraingthe na Canálach Ríoga ag Droichead Binn, Sráid Dorset Íochtarach, Droim Conrach, Baile Átha Cliath 7

Togra: De bhun cheanglais na rialachán thuas, tugtar fógra leis seo maidir leis an leasú atá beartaithe ar Iarratas ceadaíthe faoi Chuid 8, tag. 2870/15. Déanmhas Cosanta is ea Droichead Binn faoin Taifead ar Dhéanmhais Chosanta de chuid Phlean Forbartha Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, 2022-2028 (Uimhir Thagartha RPS 908). Tá sé beartaithe ag Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath tabhairt faoin bhforbairt seo a leanas:

- Grádán an rampa a laghdú go 4.99% feadh iomlán a fhaid;
- Slánachar de thimpeall 1.3-1.5 méadar a chruthú idir an glasbhealach agus teorainn árasáin Loc Portland, chun sláine agus feidhm na ngaothairí íoslaigh atá ag amharc amach ar an gcosán tarraingthe a chosaint agus ar mhaithe le taitneamhacht agus slándáil na n-árasán atá ar urlár na talún. Beidh cosán caol cothabhála agus stráice bog tírdhreachaithe sa slánachar úd;
- Beidh an glasbhealach ina limistéar coiteann agus é 4.6 méadar ar leithead don chuid is mó den cheantar, agus nascaidh sé leis na trasghearrthacha a ceadaíodh roimhe seo ag an dá cheann;
- Na ráillí, na claiocha agus na geataí uile atá sa cheantar a bhaint agus a ionadú;
- Athbheithníú ar rochtain staighre ar an loc faoi Droichead Binn d'fhonn suíocháin bhreise chéimnithe agus tírdhreachú bog a sholáthar ar mhaithe le limistéar níos fearr um ríocht poiblí a chruthú;
- Athdhromchla a chur ar an limistéar timpeall ar an ngeata loic agus soilse agus ráillí a chur ar fáil;
- Rampa a thógáil trí úsáid a bhaint as brathphléail agus as cumhdach cloiche cui;
- Lamairne canála atá ann cheana féin a bhaint agus é a chur in áit nua ionas go mbeidh sé ag teacht leis an dearadh reatha; agus
- Gnéithe beaga breise lena n-áirítear cuid den bhalla in aice le Droichead Binn (ach nach bhfuil mar chuid den Déanmhais Cosanta) a bhaint d'fhonn binse poiblí a sholáthar, geataí aonfhir agus bacainní atá ann cheana féin a bhaint, soilse poiblí agus CCTV a sholáthar, aistriú féideartha na seirbhísí reatha, oibreacha gaolmhara agus fosheirbhísí gaolmhara. Ní chuirfidh na hoibreacha isteach ar tsuiteáil gáis faoi thalamh sa cheantar.

Féadfar na pleananna agus na sonraí i dtaobh na forbartha beartaithe a iniúchadh, nó a cheannach ar tháille nach mó ná an costas réasúnach a bhaineann le cóip a dhéanamh, ar feadh tréimhse 4 seachtaine ón 10 Iúil 2023 le linn uaireanta oscailte poiblí ag oifigí Chomhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, an Cuntar Poiblí, an Rannóg Pleanála agus Forbartha Réadmhaoinne, Bloc 4, Urlár na Talún, Oifigí na Cathrach, an Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, ó Luan go hAoine idir 9.00 a.m. agus 4.30 p.m. Tá na pleananna agus na sonraí ar fáil le féachaint orthu ar líne ar Citizen Space, <https://consultation.dublincity.ie>, agus ag Leabharlann Bhaile Átha Cliath 7, le linn a n-uaireanta oscailte poiblí.

Tugadh faoi Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chú de réir na Treorach maidir le Gnáthoga (92/43/CEE). Rinneadh Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta de réir Threoir MTT (2014/52/AE) agus is é tátal an Scagtha nach bhfuil aon dóchúlacht mhór ann go n-imreoidh an fhorbairt a bheartaítear tionchar suntasach ar an timpeallacht. Cinneadh, dá bhris sin, nach bhfuil Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta (MTT) ag teastáil.

Is féidir aighneacht nó tuairim maidir leis an bhforbairt a bheartaítear, a bhaineann le pleanáil cheart agus forbairt inbhuanaithe an cheantair ina mbeadh an fhorbairt suite, a dhéanamh i scríbhinn leis an mBainisteoir Feidhmiúcháin, an Rannóg Pleanála agus Forbartha Réadmhaoinne, Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, Oifigí na Cathrach, an Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, roimh 4.30 p.m. an 23 Lúnasa 2023. Is féidir aighneachtaí nó tuairimí a dhéanamh ar líne freisin ar Citizen Space, <https://consultation.dublincity.ie>, roimh 23.59 a chlog an 23 Lúnasa 2023.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) PART 8

Applicant: Dublin City Council, Environment & Transportation Department, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F

Location: Royal Canal Towpath at Binns Bridge, Dorset Street Lower, Drumcondra, Dublin 7

Proposal: Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of the proposed amendment of approved Part 8 Application ref. 2870/15. Binns Bridge is a Protected Structure under the Record of Protected Structures within the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 (RPS Ref. No. 908). Dublin City Council proposes to carry out the following development:

- The reduction of the ramp gradient to 4.99% along the entirety of its length;
- The offset of the greenway from the boundary of the Portland Lock apartments by approximately 1.3-1.5 metres, in order to protect the integrity and function of the basement level vents fronting the towpath and for the amenity and security of the ground floor apartments. The offset space will comprise of a narrow maintenance path and a soft landscaping strip;
- The greenway will operate as a 4.6 metre wide shared space for the majority of the area, tying back to the previously permitted cross sections at either end;
- The removal and replacement of all existing railings, fences and gates in the area;
- Revision of stair access to the lock under Binns Bridge to provide additional stepped seating and soft landscaping to provide an improved public realm area;
- Resurfacing of area surrounding the lock gate and provision of lighting and railings;
- Ramp to be constructed using sheet piling and appropriate stone cladding;
- Removal of an existing canal jetty and replacement in a new location to match the existing design; and
- Minor additional features including removal of portion of the wall adjacent to Binns Bridge (but which does not form part of the Protected Structure) to provide a public bench, the removal of existing kissing gates and barriers, provision of public lighting, CCTV, potential relocation of existing services, associated works and associated ancillary services. The works do not impact the existing underground gas installation in the area.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy for a period of 4 weeks from 10th July 2023 during public opening hours at the offices of Dublin City Council, Public Counter, Planning and Property Development Department, Block 4, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm. The plans and particulars are available to view online on Citizen Space <https://consultation.dublincity.ie> and at Pibhsborough Library, Dublin 7, during their public opening hours.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening has been undertaken in accordance with Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening has been undertaken in accordance with EIA Directive (2014/52/EU) and concludes that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing to the Executive Manager, Planning and Property Development Department, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 before 4.30pm on 23rd August 2023. Submissions or observations may also be made online on Citizen Space <https://consultation.dublincity.ie> before 23.59hrs on 23rd August 2023.

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