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Public Notice of Development issued by

The Minister for Justice and Equality in accordance with

Sections 20 and 21 of Part 4 of the Prisons Act 2007

- (a) I, Alan Shatter TD, Minister for Justice and Equality, hereby give notice that the Irish Prison Service intends to construct a new prison development (the Development) on a site at Rathmore Road, Cork, adjacent to the existing Cork prison.
- (b) The purpose of the development is to accommodate 310 prisoners catering mainly for prisoners from the Cork, Kerry and Waterford areas as well as transfer prisoners from other prisons. The gross floor area of all buildings will be circa 15,072 sq. metres on a site of circa 2.64 hectares. Access to the Development will be via Rathmore Road. The secure facilities within the Development will be bounded by a circa 7.2 metre high perimeter security wall. The buildings within the development will be one, two and three-stories high.

The development will comprise:

- Secure residential accommodation for prisoners
- · Educational, workshops and training services and ancillary facilities
- Healthcare and therapeutic facilities
- · Catering and dining facilities
- Welfare and support facilities
- Indoor and outdoor recreational facilities
- Visiting facilities
- Control centre
- Circa 7.2 metre high perimeter security wall as well as security fences and security surveillance and lighting systems
- Circa 199 car parking spaces for visitors and staff (including disabled persons' spaces) as well as 12 prison van spaces
- Storage facilities
- Ancillary support structures and service buildings including electricity sub- stations
- Infrastructural roads and services.
- (c) The location of the Development is identified in paragraph (a) above.
- (d) Information required as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been prepared as well as visual representations of the exterior of the Development.

Copies of the EIA information and visual representation of the exterior of the completed development as well as a copy of the non-technical summary in hard copy and/or electronic form may be obtained by written request from the offices of the Irish Prison Service, Estate Management, IDA Business Park, Ballinalee Road, Longford, Co Longford. Envelopes should be marked 'Proposed Cork Prison'.

The Non-Technical Summary of the EIA is also available on the Irish Prison Service website at www.irishprisons.ie and that of the Department of Justice and Equality at www.justice.ie.

In addition, the documentation may be viewed at the following locations during their normal public opening hours:

- The offices of the Irish Prison Service, IDA Business Park, Ballinalee Road, Longford, Co Longford.
- The offices of Cork City Council, City Hall, Anglesea Street, Cork.
- The Frank O'Connor Community Library, Youghal Old Road, Mayfield, Cork.
- (e) Interested parties may and are invited to make submissions or observations on the proposed Development in writing only to the appointed rapporteur, Mr James Farrelly, Cork Prison Rapporteur, Probation Service HQ, Haymarket, Smithfield, Dublin 7 before 4.00 pm on Friday 21st December, 2012.
- (f) Any submissions / observations so made must be accompanied by the name and address of the person or body making them. A fee is not payable.

The rapporteur shall prepare a report on the basis of submissions or observations received and submit it to me and I shall arrange for it to be published.

Having regard to the report of the rapporteur I may decide to make a material variation to the development, in which case I shall cause an amended description of the development to be prepared specifying any such alterations together with a supplementary impact assessment relating to the impact of the alterations on the environment and, if the alterations materially affect the exterior, an amended visual representation of the exterior. Notice shall be given and the amended documents shall then be available for inspection. Submissions and observations by interested parties shall be made within a period of 21 days starting the day after the notice is published, after which the rapporteur shall prepare a supplementary report on the submissions and observations and submit same to me and I shall arrange to publish it.

Having had regard to-

- (a) the environmental impact assessment in respect of the development and the report of the rapporteur and
- (b) any supplementary environmental impact assessment and supplementary report

I may make further alterations to the development and may either-

- (i) decide to proceed with the development, including any such alterations or
- (ii) decide not to do so.