

# Hong Kong speech therapists convicted

**Zen Soo**  
Five Hong Kong speech therapists have been convicted of sedition, after they printed a series of children's books about sheep and wolves that a court said was aimed at inciting hatred against authorities. The five executive committee members of the General Union of Hong Kong Speech Therapists

could face up to two years imprisonment. They had pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiring to print, publish, distribute and display and/or reproduce seditious publications. Authorities have cracked down on dissent in Hong Kong since pro-democracy protests in 2019, arresting dozens of activists while others have fled abroad.

The clampdown has led to criticism that China's ruling Communist Party has reneged on a 1997 pledge when Hong Kong was handed over from Britain to China to retain the city's Western-style freedoms, including free speech. The five, Lorie Lai, Melody Yeung, Sidney Ng, Samuel Chan and Fong Tsz-ho, had been

remanded in custody for more than a year prior to yesterday's conviction. They were arrested in July 2021 after they published three books with stories that revolved around a village of sheep that has to deal with wolves from a different village. The sheep take action like going on strike or escaping by boat, accord-

ing to the synopses published on the association's website. Police said the stories published in the books paralleled the incidents linked to political unrest in Hong Kong, such as the 12 Hong Kong activists who were arrested at sea while attempting to flee the city. The speech therapists will be sentenced on September 10.

# Putin mocks West over Ukraine war carries on

**Vladimir Isachenkov**

Russian president Vladimir Putin has said Moscow will press on with its military action in Ukraine until it reaches its goals and mocked western attempts to drive Russia into a corner with sanctions. Mr Putin told an annual economic forum in the far-eastern port city of Vladivostok that the main goal behind sending troops into Ukraine was protecting civilians in the east of that country after eight years of fighting.

He emphasised that Russia will keep protecting its sovereignty in the face of what he described as an attempt by the US and its allies to preserve their global domination, saying that "the world mustn't be founded on the diktat of one country that deemed itself the representative of the almighty or even higher and based its policies on its perceived exclusivity". He scoffed at western attempts to cap prices for Russian oil and gas, calling the idea "stupid" and saying that Russia will have enough customers in Asia.

"The demand is so high on global markets that we won't have any problem selling it," he said. "An attempt to limit prices by administrative means is just ravings, it's sheer nonsense," he added. "It will only lead to a hike in prices."

"If they try to implement this dumb decision, it will entail nothing good for those who will make it," he warned. "Will they make political decisions contradicting contracts? In that case, we will just halt supplies if it contradicts our economic interests. We won't supply any gas, oil, diesel oil or coal."

He rejected the EU's argument that Russia was using energy as a weapon by suspending gas supplies via the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline to Germany.

Mr Putin reaffirmed the Russian argument that western sanctions have hampered maintenance of the last turbine that remains in operation, forcing its shutdown. He repeated that Moscow stands ready to "press the button" and start pumping gas "as early as tomorrow" through the Nord Stream 2, which has been put on hold by the German authorities.

As Mr Putin was mocking the West, it was announced he will meet Chinese leader Xi Jinping at a summit in Uzbekistan next week. The pair will meet at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit held in the Uzbek city of Samarkand on September

15-16, Russian ambassador to China Andrei Denisov told reporters. "Less than 10 days from now another meeting of our leaders will take place at the SCO summit in Samarkand. We are actively preparing for it," Mr Denisov was quoted by Russia's state news agency Tass as saying. Mr Putin and Mr Xi last met in Beijing in February, weeks before the Kremlin sent troops into Ukraine.

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Russian president Vladimir Putin, above, gestures while speaking during a plenary session at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok yesterday, before making his keynote speech, below. Pictures: Sergei Bobylev/TASS News Agency Host Pool Photo via AP



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# Man held over Olivia murder is bailed

**Eleanor Barlow**

A man arrested on suspicion of the murder of nine-year-old Olivia Pratt-Korbel in the UK has been released on bail.

The 34-year-old, from Liverpool, was also being questioned on suspicion of attempted murder after he was arrested in the Runcorn area in the early hours of Sunday, Merseyside Police said.

Yesterday, a force spokesman said he had been conditionally bailed.

Three other men, aged 29, 34 and 41, were also bailed yesterday after being arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender.

The schoolgirl was shot in her home in Dovecot, Liverpool, on August 22 when a gunman chased convicted burglar Joseph Nee into the property at about 10pm.

A spokesman for Merseyside Police said: "The investigation into Olivia's tragic murder is ongoing and we still need to build up a strong evidential picture so that we can bring those responsible to justice."

# New PM Truss promises action to give 'certainty' over soaring UK energy costs

**David Hughes**

New UK prime minister Liz Truss will today set out a plan to save households and businesses from financial ruin as a result of soaring energy bills.

At her first Prime Minister's Questions, Ms Truss confirmed her plan, expected to freeze household bills at around £2,500 (£2,880), will be set out in Parliament.

She rejected the idea of using a windfall tax on the bumper profits made by oil and gas giants to fund the package, reported to cost up to £150bn (£173bn).

Ms Truss told the Commons: "I will make sure that in our energy plan we will help to support businesses and people with the immediate price crisis, as



Liz Truss listens during her first Prime Minister's Questions, with leader of the House, Penny Mordaunt, left, by her side.

well as making sure there are long-term supplies available. I understand that people across our country are struggling with the cost of living and they are struggling with their energy bills. "That is why I, as prime

minister, will take immediate action to help people with the cost of their energy bills and I will be making an announcement to this House on that."

But Ms Truss has faced accusations she was dodging scrutiny over the

# Death toll rises after Chinese earthquake

**Associated Press**

The death toll from this week's earthquake in western China has jumped to 74 with another 26 people still missing, the government has said.

The 6.8 magnitude quake that struck just

after noon on Monday in Sichuan province caused extensive damage to homes in the Ganze Tibetan Autonomous Region and shook buildings in the provincial capital of Chengdu, whose 21m citizens are under a strict Covid-19 lockdown.

Following the quake, police and health workers refused to allow anxious residents of apartment buildings out, adding to anger over the government's strict "zero-Covid policy" mandating lockdowns, quarantines and other restrictions, even

while the rest of the world has largely reopened. Footage circulating online showed residents of the central city of Wuhan, where the pandemic is believed to have originated in late 2019, chanting "lift the lockdown, refuse to be tested" at police.

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**An Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú) Fógra i leith Iarratais Phleanála a chur díreach go dtí An Bord Pleanála**

**máidir le Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéiseach Contae Chorcaí & Contae Chiarraí**

De réir Alt 37E den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú, tugaimidne, Cuidreacha Ghníomhaíochta Ainmnithe Gaoithe Ghort Uí Rathíle, fógra go bhfuil sé ar intinn againn iarratas a dhéanamh chuig an mBord Pleanála ar chead ar feadh tréimhse 10 mbliana, le haghaidh forbartha a chuimsíonn an feirm gaoithe a thógáil agus oibreacha gaolmhara sna bailte fearainn seo a leanas Cathair na Cúite, Gort na Binne, Doire Phínnín, Gort Uí Rathíle, An Ráth Thiar, Na Doirí, Na Iothrí, Doire an Chuilinn, An Lománach Bheag, An Lománach Mhór, Screehan na nGámhan, Barr d'Inse, Na Millíní, An Inse Mhór, An Doirín Álainn, Cúil Aodha, Gort na Tiobraid, An Muirneach Beag, An Sliabh Riabhach, An Tóchar agus Cathair Dhúnaigh i gContae Chorcaí chomh maith le Doire Aimbhréidh, Coimín an Bhroic, Glaise Chormaic, An Chloaidreach Rua, agus Coimín na Bodóige i gContae Chiarraí.

Cuimsítear na nithe seo leanas sa bhforbairt atá bearthaithe:

- 14 tuirbín gaoithe a thógáil le hairead 6 thalamh go barr rinn laimne de réimse idir 179m agus 185m san áireamh. Beidh trastomhas rótar ag na tuirbíní gaoithe idir 149m agus 155m san áireamh agus airde moil idir 102.5m agus 110.5m san áireamh.
- Tógáil cruasheastán tuirbíní buana agus bunsraitheanna tuirbíní.
- Tógáil príomhuimh tógála seadlathach amháin le hoifigí suimh sheadlathacha ghaolmhara, limistéir pháircéala agus fáil slándála.
- Suidéil crann meitéareolaíochta amháin (saolré 35 bliana) a bheidh 110 méadar ar airde agus cuaille tinntrí 4m ar a bharr.
- Dhá shloic soláthair a bhforbairt ar an láthair.
- Tógáil bóithre rochtana innheánacha buana nua, uasghrádú ar bhóithre rochtana innheánacha atá ann cheana agus uasghrádú ar an mbóthar L-34011-20 (atá mar chuid de Sli Bhearra-Breifne) agus atá suite laistigh den láithreán, lena n-áirítear bána pasála agus an bonneagar draenála uile lena mbeáinn.
- Forbairt líonra innheánach draenála suimh agus córais rialaithe dróidair.
- Tógáil 1 uimh. fostaíocht leictreach buan 110 kV lena n-áirítear 2 uimh. foirgnimh rialaithe le háiseanna leasa, gach gléasra agus trealamh leictreach gaolmhara, fáil agus gearr slándála, gach cábla faoi thalamh a bhaineann leis, umar coinneála fuil-luise, agus gach struchtúr agus oibreacha coimhdheacha.
- Na cáblaí leictreacha agus cumarsáid faoi thalamh uile a nascann na tuirbíní gaoithe le fostaíocht na feirme gaoithe.
- Leagan foraoiseachta coimhdheach chun tógáil na forbartha a éascú.
- Na hoibreacha go léir a bhaineann le nasc buan na feirme gaoithe leis an eangach náisiúnta leictreachais a dhéanamh agus a chuimsíonn cábla 110 kV faoi thalamh i nduchanna cábla buana ón bhfostaíocht buan ar an láthair atá beartaithe, i mbaile fearainn Ghort Uí Rathíle agus ar aghaidh trí na bailte fearainn seo a leanas - Na Doirí, Doire an Chuilinn, An Lománach Bheag, An Lománach Mhór, Screehan na nGámhan, Barr d'Inse, Na Millíní, An Inse Mhór, An Doirín Álainn, Doire Aimbhréidh, Coimín an Bhroic, Glaise Chormaic, An Chloaidreach Rua agus Coimín na Bodóige go dtí Fostaíocht 220 kV Bhaile Uisceail atá ann cheana i mbaile fearainn Chathair Dhúnaigh.
- Gach obair forbartha láithreán lena n-áirítear beirm, tírdheachtú agus tochtail tithreach.
- Feabhsú ar bhealach isteach chuig bóthar príobháideach atá ann cheana féin amach ón mbóthar áitiúil L-7405-0 chun leathnú áitiúil an bhóthar a chur san áireamh agus bealach isteach spréach a chruthú chun seachadadh ualait neamhghnácha agus seachadadh comhpháirteanna tuirbíní a éascú.
- Feabhsú ar bhealach isteach atá ann cheana ón mbóthar áitiúil L-3402-36 chun baint an dhársa atá ann cheana le haghaidh spréanna infheictheachta a áireamh chun é a éascú chun ábhar tógála a sheachadadh chuig an láithreán.
- Oibreacha uasghrádúach ar bhealach seachadta na tuirbín chun na nithe seo a leanas a áireamh:
  - o Droichead seadlathach a thógáil thar Abha an tSuláin chun rochtain a chheadú ar an L-3400-79 ón N22 i mBaile Bhuirne le linn na n-obreacha tógála.
  - o Leathnú áitiúil ar an mbóthar L-3405-0 go leithead 4.5m, ón aomhal leis an mbóthar L3400-79 go dtí an t-aomhal leis an mbóthar L-7405-0.
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  - o Tógáil bóthar rochtana seadlathach amach ón N22 i mbaile fearainn Choimín an Bhroic chun ionramháil casaidh 180 céim ag na feithiclí seachadta tuirbíní a éascú.

Tá an t-iarratas seo ag lorg cead deich mbliana agus tréimhse oibríocháin 35 bliain ó dháta coimisiúnaithe iomláin na feirme gaoithe ar fad.

Tá Tuarscáil ar Mheasúnú Tionchair Timpéallachta (TMTD) agus Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (RTN) ag gabháil leis an iarratas seo.

Féadfar an t-iarratas pleanála, TMTD agus RTN a iniúchadh saor in aisce nó a cheannach ar tháille shonraithe a foc (nach rachaidh an táille thar an gcostas réasúnach chun cóip den sórt sin a dhéanamh) le linn uaireanta oscailte poiblí ar feadh tréimhse seacht seachtaine tar osach an 16 Meán Fómhair, 2022 ag na láithreacha seo a leanas:

- Oifigí An Bhoird Phleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902.
- Oifigí Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí, Urdár na Talún, Halla an Chontae, Bóthar Charráig Ruacháin, Corcaigh, T12 R2NC.
- Oifigí Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí, Foirgnimh an Chontae, Ráth Teas, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí, V92 H7VT.

Is féidir an t-iarratas a léamh/víoslódáil ar an suíomh seo leanas: [www.gortyrathillyplanning.ie](http://www.gortyrathillyplanning.ie)

Ní féidir aighneachtaí ná uairimí a dhéanamh ach amháin chuig an mBord Pleanála féin ("an Bord") 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1 i scríbhinn nó ar líne ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Bhoird [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) le linn na tréimhse thuasluaite de sheacht seachtaine máidir le: (i) impleachtaí na forbartha beartaithe do phleanáil chuí agus d'fhorbairt inbhuanaithe an limistéir lena mbeáinn; (ii) na héifeachtaí dóchúlacha a bheidh ag an bhforbairt a bheartaítear ar an geomhshaoil, má dhéantar í, agus (iii) na héifeachtaí dóchúlacha nó éifeachtaí díobhálacha ar shlíne láithreán Eorpach, má dhéantar í.

Ní mór táille €50 (seachas comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe) a bheith ag gabháil le haon aighneachtaí/uairimí agus ní mór don Bhoird iad a fháil tráth nach déanaí ná 17.30 ar an 4 Samhain, 2022. Cathdóigh aighneachtaí/uairimí dá leithéid an fhaisnéis seo a leanas a bheith leo: (i) ainm an duine a dhéanfaidh an aighneacht nó an uairim, ainm an duine a ghníomhaíonn thar a c(h)ean, má's ann dó, agus an seoladh poist d'aon chomhfhreagra a bhaineann leis an uairim sin; (ii) ábhar na haighneachta nó na uairime, agus (iii) na cúiseanna, na breithníthe agus na hargóiní ar fad ar a bhíal an aighneacht nó an uairim bunaithe (Áirteag 217 de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2001, arna leasú, ag tagairt).

Ní féidir leis an mBord breithníocht a dhéanamh ar aon aighneachtaí nó uairimí nach gcomhlíonann na ceanglais thuas.

Féadfaidh an Bord, dá rogha féin, éisteacht ó bhéal a thionóil ar an iarratas. (Le tuilleadh sonraí a fháil féach Treoir do Rannpháirtíocht an Phoiblí i bhForbairt Bonneagair Straitéiseach ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).)

D'fhéadfaidh an Bord na cinntí a leanas a dhéanamh, i leith an iarratais ar chead pleanála: (a) (i) an cead a dheonú, nó (ii) cibé modhuithe a dhéanamh ar an bhforbairt beartaíte a shonróidh sé ina chinneadh agus cead a dheonú i leith na forbartha beartaíte ach a mhodhnú amhlaidh, nó (iii) cead a dheonú i leith chuid den forbairt beartaíte (fara nó d'éagmais modhuithe sonraithe uirthi den chineál sin roimhe seo), agus féadfaidh an Bord cinntí thuas a bheith faoi réir nó d'éagmais coinnollacha, nó (b) diúltú an cead a thabhairt.

Ba cheart aon fhiosrúcháin i leith phróiseas an iarratais a phlé leis an Rannóg um Infreachtúchtrú Straitéiseach de chuid an Bhoird Pleanála (Teil: 01-8588100). D'fhéadfaidh duine bailíocht aon chinneadh den chineál sin arna dhéanamh ag an mBord a cheistiú trí bhithín iarratais ar athbheithníocht breithníoch, faoi Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986, arna leasú ag I.R. Uimh. 691 de 2011), i gcomhréir Alt 50 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú. Is féidir teacht ar fhaisnéis phraicticiúil faoin meicníocht athbheithníoch faoin geantendeal "Eolas ar chásanna / Liostaí seachtainiúla" - Athbheithníocht Breithníoch ar chinntí pleanála, ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) nó ar shuíomh gréasáin na Seirbhíse um Fhaisnéis do Scaoiraigh [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

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## Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development County Cork & County Kerry

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Gortyrathilly Wind Designated Activity County, give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works in the townlands of Cahernacalla (Cathair na Cúite), Gortabhanna (Gort na Binne), Derrynkeen (Doire Phínnín), Gortyrathilly (Gort Uí Rathíle), Rath West (An Ráth Thiar), Derree (Na Doirí), Fuhry (Na Fothrí), Derrreenacalling (Doire an Chuilinn), Lunnagh Beg (An Lománach Bheag), Lunnagh More (An Lománach Mhór), Scrahanagown (Screehan na nGámhan), Bardinch (Barr d'Inse), Milleeny (Na Millíní), Inchamore (An Inse Mhór), Derrreenall (An Doirín Álainn), Coolea (Cúil Aodha), Gortnaburrid (Gort na Tiobraid), Murnaghbeg (An Muirneach Beag), Slieveragh (An Sliabh Riabhach), Togher (An Tóchar), Caherdowney (Cathair Dhúnaigh), County Cork and Derryreag (Doire Aimbhréidh), Cummeenavrick (Coimín an Bhroic), Glashacormick (Glaise Chormaic), Clydaghroe (An Chloaidreach Rua) and Cummeenabuddoge (Coimín na Bodóige) County Kerry.

The proposed development will consist of the following:

- Construction of 14 No. wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height ranging from 179m to 185m inclusive. The wind turbines will have a rotor diameter ranging from 149m to 155m inclusive and a hub height ranging from 102.5m to 110.5m inclusive.
- Construction of permanent turbine hardstands and turbine foundations.
- Construction of one temporary construction compound with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing.
- Installation of one (35-year life cycle) meteorological mast with a height of 110m and a 4m lightning pole on top.
- Development of two on-site borrow pits.
- Construction of new permanent internal site access roads, upgrade of existing internal site access roads and upgrading of the L-34011-20 road (which forms part of the Beara-Breifne Way) and lies within the site, to include passing bays and all associated drainage infrastructure.
- Development of an internal site drainage network and sediment control systems.
- Construction of 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation including 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing and gates, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank, and all ancillary structures and works.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the wind farm substation.
- Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction of the development.
- All works associated with the permanent connection of the wind farm to the national electricity grid comprising a 110 kV underground cable in permanent cable ducts from the proposed, permanent, on-site substation, in the townland of Gortyrathilly (Gort Uí Rathíle) and onto the townlands of Derree (Na Doirí), Derrreenacalling (Doire an Chuilinn), Lunnagh Beg (An Lománach Bheag), Lunnagh More (An Lománach Mhór), Scrahanagown (Screehan na nGámhan), Bardinch (Barr d'Inse), Milleeny (Na Millíní), Inchamore (An Inse Mhór), Derrreenall (An Doirín Álainn), Derryreag (Doire Aimbhréidh), Cummeenavrick (Coimín an Bhroic), Glashacormick (Glaise Chormaic), Clydaghroe (An Chloaidreach Rua) and Cummeenabuddoge (Coimín na Bodóige) to the existing Ballyvoiscail (Baile Uisceail) 220 kV Substation in the townland of Caherdowney (Cathair Dhúnaigh).
- All associated site development works including berms, landscaping, and soil excavation.
- Improvement of an entrance to an existing private road off the L-7405-0 local road to include localised widening of the road and creation of a splayed entrance to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries.
- Improvement of an existing site entrance off the L-3402-36 local road to include removal of existing vegetation for visibility splays to facilitate the use of it for the delivery of construction materials to the site.
- Upgrade works on the turbine delivery route to include the following:
  - o Construction of a temporary bridge over the Sullane River (Abha an tSuláin) to allow access to the L-3400-79 from the N22 in Ballyvoiscail (Baile Bhuirne) for the duration of the construction works.
  - o Localised widening of the L-3405-0 road to a width of 4.5m, from the junction with the L3400-79 road to the junction with the L-7405-0 road.
  - o Localised widening of the L-7405-0 road to a width of 4.5m, from the junction with the L-3405-0 to the entrance to an existing private road off the L-7405-0.
  - o The construction of a temporary access road off the N22 in the townland of Cummeenavrick (Coimín an Bhroic) to facilitate a 180 degrees turning manoeuvre by the turbine delivery vehicles.

This application is seeking a ten-year permission and a 35 year operational period from the date of overall commissioning of the entire wind farm.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EiAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The planning application, EiAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 16th September 2022 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.
- The Offices of Cork County Council, Ground Floor, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC.
- The Offices of Kerry County Council, County Buildings, Ratass, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 H7VT.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: [www.gortyrathillyplanning.ie](http://www.gortyrathillyplanning.ie).

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and (iii) the likely effects or adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations may be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on 4th of November 2022. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information: (i) the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details please see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).)

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to: (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100). A person may question the validity of any such decision of 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, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), 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 "Information on cases / Weekly lists" - Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).