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Ref: EIR / 6548

24th August 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - The Clooney Masterplan

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

The following information is requested under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. **The current position in terms of Community Consultation, Planning Permission, Funding, Tender Process, Timescales, Commencement Date, etc.**

   In relation to planning permission, the Council is currently processing a planning application, Reference Number LA11/2024/0617/F for "Construction of a 3 M. wide greenway finished in hot rolled asphalt with associated drainage, lighting and soft landscaping, perimeter fence to existing playing field, ball stop, new changing room and car parking at lands are located north of 33 Heron Way, southeast of 60 Clooney Park West and west of the Clooney Greenway departing from Heron Way, Waterside, Derry". The application is currently under consideration and will be presented to DCSDC Planning Committee for decision as soon as possible.

   Details of the planning application, including all plans and drawings can be viewed via this link https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/simple-search

   Council does not hold any further information regarding Community Consultation, Funding, Tender Process, Timescales, Commencement Date etc.

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2. **The exact nature of the work to be carried out on the vacant land to the rear of Torrens Avenue which is traditionally used as the site for the 'Clooney Bonfire'**.

   The planning application is for "Construction of a 3 M. wide greenway finished in hot rolled asphalt with associated drainage, lighting and soft landscaping, perimeter fence to existing playing field, ball stop, new changing room and car parking at lands are located north of 33 Heron Way, southeast of 60 Clooney Park West and west of the Clooney Greenway departing from Heron Way, Waterside, Derry". Details of the planning application, including all plans and drawings can be viewed via this link https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/simple-search

3. **If the said vacant land is to be built on, will the 'Clooney Bonfire' be relocated, and if so, where?**

   Council do not permit illegal bonfires on our land.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Damian McCay
Information & Customer Services Officer
On behalf of Council