

PLANNING

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Planning permission is sought by Fiona Smyth for Conversion of her attic to storage including changing her existing hipped end roof to a dutch hipped gable end roof, a dormer window to the rear, 2 velux rooflights to the front and a window to the new side gable wall, all at roof level at 29 Seafield Road, Booterstown, Blackrock, Co Dublin. A94FH10. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire during its public opening hours. A submission/ observation may be made on payment of €20 within a period of 5 weeks from the date the application is received by the planning authority.

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Blackrock Clinic Limited intends to apply for planning permission at a site at Blackrock Hospital, Rock Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin (A94 E4X7). Blackrock Hospital and Clinic Campus is bounded by Castledawson Avenue and Blackrock College to the west, Rock Road to the north, Castledawson and Westfield/Sion Hill residential estates to the east area and Dominican College Sion Hill to the south.

The proposed development will amend extant planning permission DLRCC Reg. Ref. D24A/0865/WEB and will include:

Reduction in area of the permitted first storey in order to facilitate its use as a hospital laboratory with ancillary facilities (administrative offices, utility area, on-call ensuite bedroom)

Reduction in the area of the permitted second storey to accommodate plant associated with the laboratory use below.

All associated site development and services works.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased for a fee not exceeding a reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority, on payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

Signed: Isabelle Moran, (Agent) McGill Planning Limited, 9 Pembroke Street Upper, Dublin 2, D02KR83

Date of Erection of Site Notice: 10th September 2026

Fingal County Council

Notice of Large-scale Residential Development (LRD). Jacko Investments Limited intend to apply for planning permission for development relating to a Large-scale Residential Development consisting of amendments to a previously approved Strategic Housing Development (SHD) (ABP Reference ABP-313223-22; Fingal County Council Register Reference SHD/013/21) on this site, The Lord Mayor's Public House, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin. The proposed development will consist of amendments to the basement and ground floor of the permitted Building A including the amalgamation of the four basements to form two basements; the amalgamation of the four units at ground floor to form two units and change of use to commercial/ restaurant use; the relocation of the ESB substation and switchroom; provision of service access for ESB substation and switchroom; and amendments to the north and south elevations at ground floor. This planning application for the proposed amendments to the permitted Strategic Housing Development is a Large-scale Residential Development as defined under Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The planning application may also be inspected online at the following website: www.lordmayorshdamendment.ie. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.



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POPULAR FIGURE

Mack Hansen has not played since before Christmas due to a foot problem



RETURN OF THE MACK

Hansen aims to make up for lost time with Connacht and Ireland

By EAMON DOGGETT
CONNACHT winger Mack Hansen is not taking anything for granted - especially given that boss Stuart Lancaster has his eyes on him.

Ireland star Hansen has returned to action in recent weeks after being out since December with a foot injury that required extensive surgery.

"The way I did it wasn't very exciting at all," Hansen smiled. "I wish I had done it skydiving or fighting a shark or something. It was just as simple as stepping on a bloke's foot the wrong way.

"Unfortunately, just the way I landed on it, it gave out, and I ended up doing a few of the ligaments, which were holding together my midfoot more than anything. That's where all the power in your foot goes.

"I ended up having to get a bone fusion, six screws and a plate in the end."

It's a different Connacht side that Hansen is returning to - one which secured qualification for the Champions Cup without him.

Hansen, who will be

wearing Canterbury's Speed Falcon 2.0 boots this season, said: "I don't feel super comfortable that I'm always going to have a starting spot this week. Like if I have a bad game, or even an average game, we've got a lot of guys that can fill that spot.

"And Stu (Lancaster) said that to me, he's been pushing me to be world class, whatever position I'm playing, and if I'm not doing that, he's made it very clear that's not good enough.

"It's intimidating, and it can be a bit scary to hear because you're like, 'F***, I'm one game away from sitting on the bench.'

"But on the other side of that, it's making me week to week just have to give my all and keeping me on top of my game.

"I guess I maybe have had a bit more of a luxury in the past of maybe having a bit of money in the bank where you can afford to have a bad game here or there and you can keep your spot, whereas this year it's not really the case.

"You've got to be performing week in, week out. If you're not, they are

going to find someone that can."

Connacht have welcomed some marquee new signings - most notably Ciaran Frawley.

Many Leinster fans were angry that the club allowed a player of the utility back's stature to leave for a provincial rival, but Hansen and Connacht couldn't be happier.

"Frawls is an unbelievable player," Hansen said. "He's been a little bit hard done by in the past in not getting the gametime he deserves at a few levels of the game.

"So super excited for him because when I've played with him before, he just brings something special.

"I think now that he's sort of been given the keys to the kingdom, it's super exciting for all of us. He's a player that you want to play with, and if he's playing good footy, then you know for sure that Connacht's gonna be playing good footy as well.

"And he's fitted in seamlessly. Frawls is a good man and he's very similar to a good few of the lads in the squad, so everybody's enjoying his company

very much."

He added: "There's been times when Frawls hasn't been getting the opportunities, but he never goes away, he never sours about it or complains.

"He just gets on with his job and keeps going, whereas I think a lot of players tend to throw their arms up in the air and even make the move overseas or do something different."

Hansen has had to sit and watch a lot of rugby over the past couple of years, but it has not dampened his ambitions, one of which is to play for Ireland at next year's World Cup in his birthplace, Australia.

"That would be probably another dream come true that I didn't realise I had, almost.

"If that can come to fruition, that would be brilliant, but the only way that comes is from playing well throughout the year, so hopefully I can put my name forward and get into the Autumn Nations games, and then again into the Six Nations and just go from there."

WESLEY REACHES LANDMARK

By BRIAN FLANAGAN
IRISH Racing's miracle man Wesley Joyce achieved another brilliant moment at Cork yesterday when riding out his claim at the Mallow racecourse.

The milestone means 23-year-old Joyce has now ridden 95 career winners and will no longer be able to claim - meaning he's now a fully-fledged professional jockey.

It's the latest chapter in the Limerick man's incredible recovery after suffering catastrophic and life-threatening injuries four years ago.

Joyce was left fighting for his life in 2022 after a fall at the Galway summer festival that left him with serious injuries - including major trauma within his chest and damage to his larynx as well as to his lungs, ribs and collarbone.

EMMET IS RELISHING NEW ERA IN CAREER

EMMET MULLINS is excited for the future after buying Jim Bolger's historic yard.

Mullins has spent the early years of his training career based beside uncle Willie Mullins at Closutton, saddling Grade One and Cheltenham Festival

winners and winning the Grand National in 2022.

Together with owner Paul Byrne, the handler is now ready to take the next step after buying Glebe House, from where Bolger has sent out almost 3,000 winners.

"I'm delighted to be able to go up to Coolcullen next season and I suppose the record the gallop has speaks for itself - it's a huge opportunity," said Mullins, who'll have an increased focus on the Flat.

