

Naas photographer's work selected for prestigious RHA Gallery exhibition

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Proposed Development: Kildare County Council Storage Facility at Military Road Industrial Park, Newbridge Road, Naas, Co. Kildare (Ref P82021.02)

Site Location: Military Road Industrial Park, Newbridge Road, Naas, Co. Kildare

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of a proposal by Kildare County Council for renovation of existing warehouse/industrial building for use by Kildare County Council as a storage facility. The development will consist of a large storage area with small associated storage facilities with associated staff amenities totalling 1,917 sq.m. The development will also include the installation of 200 sq.m. of solar PV subject to detail design to the roof. Elevation changes are also required to accommodate the new internal layout with all associated works and services above and below ground to link the building with the existing Kildare County Council car park.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during the period from **Tuesday, 7 June 2022 until Tuesday, 5 July 2022** at:

- Kildare County Council, Level 1, at the address below.

The opening hours are **Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

All viewing locations and display availability are subject to Covid 19 restrictions.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will also be available to view on Kildare County Council's consultation portal at <https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Planning/Part8Schemes/>

In accordance with the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) the proposed scheme has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening. In accordance with Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2018 Kildare County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination, that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. In accordance with article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) any person may, at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of this notice apply to an Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development and dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be submitted electronically on the Consultation portal as per the link above or in writing to **Barry Griffith, Facilities Manager, Kildare County Council, at the address below before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 July 2022.** Submissions should be clearly headed "Kildare County Council Storage Facility at Military Road Industrial Park (Ref P82021.02)".

All comments, including names of those making comments, submitted to the Council regarding to this scheme will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.

Please note that the data collected from this consultation will be shared by Kildare County Council with their Consultants. Any information which you submit via Kildare County Council's websites will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, strictly in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Please refer to the Privacy Statement included with the plans and particulars of the proposed development and to the Kildare County Council Public Consultation Portal Privacy Policy.

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Award winning Naas photographer Tony G Murray, of Murray Imaging Studios, was thrilled to receive the news that his photographic study of a willow tree was selected by Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA) Gallery for the prestigious 192nd Annual Exhibition.

A first-time entrant to the RHA Gallery open call, Tony was having the photograph framed by fellow Kildare business owner Niamh Harney, of Inniscara Bespoke Framing, when she suggested that he might consider submitting it to the RHA. The submission form required that the piece be named.

"I had taken the photograph during a family walk, on the Blessington Greenway. I printed some proof prints, put them on the wall of my studio and 'lived with them for a while'. To me the image represented life and all the infinite decisions we make through our lives," said Tony.

"Around the same time, I was reading *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig on the recommendation of my daughter Louise. I was really struck by the story of Nora, and the Library containing all of her possible lives, and hence the title *One Life Infinite Possibilities*."

The selection panel at the RHA were apparently struck by the image and title and selected it to hang at the RHA Gallery in Dublin city for the summer months.

Out of over four thousand applications, just 567 works of 2D and 3D art were selected for the exhibition which opened officially on Monday, May 23.

Tony attended Varnishing Day with his family on Sunday, May 22, and was thrilled to meet some of the biggest names in contemporary Irish art.

"I'm somewhat struck by the serendipity of being in the right place at the right time to take the photograph, my daughter suggesting the book that gave me the title and then to have Niamh give me a gentle push to submit it to RHA Gallery... it is indeed 'One Life Infinite Possibilities'," he said.

He added: "The response to the piece has been overwhelming. My Instagram accounts have been hopping and one visitor to the exhibition commented today to say they were 'totally mesmerised looking at this in the gallery'. The warmth of the feedback has been fantastic!"

Tony was also responsible for the Thank You To The Frontline Workers signage in Naas during the pandemic and was awarded Landscape Photographer of the Year in 2009 by the Irish Professional Photographers Association of Ireland, IPPA.

Tony G Murray's photograph 'One Life Infinite Possibilities' hangs at RHA Gallery until July 24.

His Instagram photography page may be found @TonyGMurray



Tony G Murray, at RHA Gallery Varnishing Day, with *One Life Infinite Possibilities*, which will remain on display until the end of July

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