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Planning Services

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TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED DALRADIAN GOLD MINE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED IN COUNTY TYRONE ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE SPERRIN MOUNTAINS

In accordance with the provisions of the 1991 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context ("the Espoo Convention"), the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) received notification from the Northern Ireland (NI) Department for Infrastructure ("DfI") in relation to a development consent application for a mine by Dalradian Gold Limited and two development consent applications for powerlines by Northern Ireland Electricity.

The three planning applications are comprised of (but not limited to) planning permission for underground valuable minerals mining and exploration located in County Tyrone (the mine application) and the construction of a 33kV power line and consisting of both an above ground 33kV overhead line and an underground 33kV cable to provide a necessary electrical connection to the mine in question (the powerline applications).

For the purposes of Regulation 48(2)(b) of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 the above applications were subject to environmental screening by DfI. The subsequent environmental statements determined that the proposed development may have transboundary environmental impacts in this State. These environmental statements can be found on the DfI website at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/dalradian-curraghinalt-project>

In accordance with article 132 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, a nationwide public consultation will open for submissions on 26 February 2025. A member of the public may make a written submission or observation in relation to the potential transboundary environmental effects of the project. **by close of business on 23 April 2025 at the latest.** Submissions or observations should be made to: planning@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Members of the public may wish to visit the Donegal County Council public consultation portal at the link below to view correspondence from NI's DfI, digital copies of extracts from the applicant's Environmental Statement, associated documents and links provided by NI's DfI to the full Environmental Statement and all other documentation relating to the development consent application for the proposed development.

<https://consult.donegal.ie/en/consultation/transboundary-public-consultation-dalradian-gold-mine-project-co-tyrone>

The public consultation documents can be made available to view in the office of the Planning Section of each local authority nationwide during office hours, by appointment if required. A copy of these documents is available for inspection, or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during office hours. Links to all documents will be made available online by each local authority. Please contact your Local Authority for further details.

Viewings may be by appointment only in certain local authority offices, it is strongly advised to contact your local authority to clarify the position in this regard before travelling to view the documentation. All documentation related to the development consent application for the proposed development is also available to view on the website of NI's DfI, including any additional information accepted by NI's DfI at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/dalradian-curraghinalt-project>

Links to the individual planning applications and their associated documents can be found on the NI's planning portal site pages:

- <https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/685151>
- <https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149301>
- <https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149709>
- <https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149710>

Additionally, further to the three applications detailed above which DfI have decided require transboundary consultation, DfI have also provided links to the five applications below which members of the public are free to review and consider in their submissions:

- <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/application-consent-discharge-trc-8020>
- <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/application-consent-discharge-trc-08120>
- <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/dalradian-gold-applications-abstraction-and-impoundment>
- <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/modified-abandonment-crockanboy-road-greencastle-county-tyrone>

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Kalderry Lane, Muff.
I, Paul Doherty intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the proposed works, Granny Annex to the rear of existing garden. 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, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority, no payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

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You can blame Harry Markowitz

I WAS carrying out a review for a client of mine recently, where the pension fund I had recommended had grown in value over the past three years by €135,844.

And I had recommended three different funds to him back in 2021, and each invested in different asset classes, in different sectors, in different locations throughout the world.

One fund grew in value by +6.76%, the second grew in value by +17.12% and the third by +30.06%.

They were impressive returns, and he was delighted with the performance, but he did say to me, why didn't we put everything into the third fund, the returns were incredible.

And my response was.

Blame, Harry Markowitz.

And you may not have heard of Harry Markowitz before, but he won a Nobel Prize in economic sciences in 1990 for what people said was his revolutionary approach to how people should invest in shares.

His basic advice which became known as modern portfolio theory, in layman's terms meant 'don't put all your eggs in one basket'.

And that's exactly what I did with my client.

You see up until the beginning of the millennia, the majority of people believed you had to invest in one, possibly two high growth companies if you wanted to make money. And of course the opposite was also true, because if you picked the wrong companies, you could lose everything.

Markowitz's contention was that you could reduce that risk of wiping out your entire savings whilst still producing excellent returns if you invest in not just one or two stocks but in forty or perhaps even fifty. And you shouldn't limit your investments to just investing in companies either, you should spread your risk further by investing in other asset classes like government and corporate bonds, property, cash, commodities and so on. With this type of approach you don't have to get lucky and invest in unicorn type companies to produce great returns.

