

# Dalradian announces it has achieved carbon neutral plus status

AS part of its commitment to the environment, Dalradian has helped schools across Northern Ireland plant hundreds of broadleaf native trees.

"Working with Carbon Footprint Ltd, a leading sustainability and climate change solutions provider, Dalradian donated 700 broad leaved native species to six primary and one secondary school across Northern Ireland," said a spokesperson for the company.

"As a result of this, and certified carbon offsetting projects, Dalradian, which is developing an underground gold, silver and copper mine in County Tyrone, has achieved Carbon Neutral Plus status, further underlining its commitment to tackling climate change.

"This is in addition to the company's existing Carbon Management Plan to actively reduce carbon emissions. In support of this Dalradian has taken delivery of its first electric vehicle, upgraded its office heating and lighting system to reduce electricity use and switched to 100% renewable electricity supply. The firm is also committed to building and operating Europe's first carbon neutral (net zero carbon) mine.

"By minimising its emissions on an ongoing basis and offsetting the remainder via certified projects Dalradian can render all its operations as net zero carbon (i.e., carbon neutral)."

Dr. Wendy Buckley, Client Director at Carbon Footprint, said: "Planting trees is a simple but very effective and sustainable way to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Dalradian has partnered with Carbon Footprint and donated 700 trees to schools across Northern Ireland where the trees have been planted by pupils.

"Combined with the support of the company for the Cambodia Water Project, an internationally recognised offset project, Dalradian is now recognised as a Carbon Neutral plus organisation."

Oonagh McKenna, Dalradian's Sustainability & Community Relations Officer, commented: "As a company we are committed to being environmentally responsible. Planting more trees will capture carbon and enhance the natural environment, increase biodiversity, and provide a boost to physical and mental wellbeing.

"It is fantastic that we have been able to deliver

green spaces for pupils. As the trees develop, they will provide a whole range of outdoor cross curricular learning opportunities from science through to art.

"We hope to continue this work with schools more local to the mine to develop similar environmental projects."

In Northern Ireland forest cover currently sits at just 9 percent, behind the UK average of 13 percent and only 200ha of woodland is planted per year instead of the 900ha recommended recently by the Committee on Climate Change.

The tree planting scheme also helps support the wider STEM curriculum and falls within pupils' 'World Around Us' and biology lessons. The scheme assists teachers and children explore issues around climate change and the need to plant more trees to help remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. As the new trees grow they will absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, storing it within the tree and in the soil.

Carbon Neutral Plus status means that in addition to reducing its emissions and supporting an internationally recognised offsetting project,

Dalradian has gone one step further by supporting tree planting.

In 2020, Dalradian was certified as PAS 2060 Carbon Neutral for 2019 and is currently working towards its Carbon Neutral certification for 2020.



Oonagh McKenna, Dalradian's sustainability and community relations officer. SU1149DB21

## public notices

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council  
Comhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hOmaí

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985**  
Schedule 1, Paragraph 5 (3)

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, has applied on the 22 March 2021 for Entertainment Licences to hold singing, music, dancing and other entertainment on: Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 1.30am and Sunday 9.00am - 12.30am at the following venues:

Ardhowen Theatre, Enniskillen  
Marble Arch Caves, Florencecourt  
Enniskillen Castle Complex & Marquee, Enniskillen  
Strule Arts Centre, Omagh

Representations in relation to the above applications should be made to the Chief Executive, at the above address, within twenty-eight days from the date of the application.

Dated this 22nd day of March 2021

Department for Infrastructure  
An Roinn Bonneagair  
www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

**Modified Abandonment**  
**Crockanboy Road, Greencastle, County Tyrone**

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) gives notice of its modified proposal to abandon an area of 8640 square metres of road at Crockanboy Road, Greencastle, Co. Tyrone extending from a point 300 metres north-west of its junction with Mullydoo Road for a distance of 1111.5 metres in a westerly direction, after completion of such works as the Department considers necessary for the provision for alternative facilities for road traffic. The area of road proposed to be abandoned is delineated on a modified map which, together with a copy of a modified draft order, may be inspected free of charge during office hours within the period 17th March 2021 to 30th April 2021 at DfI Roads Western Division, Lands Section, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh, BT79 7AF.

During the current Covid-19 restrictions, access to this building is limited and inspection of the draft Order and map is by appointment only which can be arranged either by email using [dfoads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:dfoads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) or by telephone during office hours (Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.) on 0300 200 7899.

Details may also be viewed online at [www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations)

Any person may, within the period above, object to the proposal by writing to the Department at DfI Roads Western Division at the address above or by emailing [dfoads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:dfoads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) stating the grounds of the objection.

Information you provide in your response to this consultation, excluding personal information, may be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please tell us why, but be aware that, under FOIA/EIR, we cannot guarantee confidentiality.

For information regarding the Department Privacy Notice following the introduction of GDPR please go the following link <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/dfi-privacy> or phone the Data Protection Office on 028 90540540. For further details on confidentiality, the FOIA and the EIR please refer to [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

email [TrafficWestern@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:TrafficWestern@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) or telephone 028 82254085 to arrange.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Full details of the following planning applications including plans, maps and drawings are available to view on the NI Portal at [www.planningni.gov.uk](http://www.planningni.gov.uk) or alternatively as the Planning Office is currently closed to public access, please contact 02871 253253 to seek alternative options to view the information you require.

Written comments should be submitted within the next 14 days. Please quote the application number in any correspondence and note that all representations made, including objections, will be posted on the NI Planning Portal.

Initial Advertisements	APPLICATION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
LA11/2021/0242/F Derg	Approximately 470m south west of 20 Lisafferty Road Newtownstewart	Erection of new proposed 45m hub height and 47m rotor diameter wind turbine (250Kw) to substitute existing installed 41m hub height and 33.4m rotor diameter wind turbine	
LA11/2021/0247/F Derg	Approximately 400m south west of 20 Lisafferty Road Newtownstewart	Erection of new proposed 45m hub height and 47m rotor diameter wind turbine (250Kw) to substitute existing installed 41m hub height and 33.4m rotor diameter wind turbine	
LA11/2021/0249/F Derg	33 Lismore Park Sion Mills BT82 9FB	Proposed rear extension with minor alterations to internal layout and access ramp to side and rear of dwelling	
LA11/2021/0251/F Derg	1 Albert Place Sion Mills BT82 9HN	Rear wetroom extension with minor alterations to internal layout and boundary wall	
LA11/2021/0254/F Derg	6 Golan Road Castlederg BT81 7LX	single storey front extension to existing dwelling	
LA11/2021/0253/F Sperrin	64 Melmount Road Strabane BT82 9PX	Alterations to existing dwelling. One and a half storey extension to rear of dwelling and new domestic garage	
LA11/2021/0257/F Sperrin	189 Killoag Road Londonderry BT47 3EJ	Proposed 2 storey rear extension to existing hall	
LA11/2021/0258/F Sperrin	22 Castledamph Road Plumbridge BT79 8BW	Single storey extension to side of dwelling to provide granny annex	
<b>Re-Advertisements</b>			
LA11/2020/0711/F Derg	Adjacent to and South West of 70 Greenville Road Crew Bridge Castlederg BT81 7NU	Erection of 2no. detached dwellings - 1no. 2 storey dwelling and 1no. single storey dwelling (amended certificate of land ownership submitted)	
LA11/2020/0996/F Derg	230M, North East of 34 Priestessagh Road Castlederg	Proposed 1.5 storey dwelling and detached domestic garage (change of house/garage type from previously approved under J/2008/0256/RM) (amended certificate of land ownership submitted)	
LA11/2020/0594/O Sperrin	Approximately 180m NE of 163 Moorlough Road Donemana	Erection of a dwelling, garage & access	

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**Public Notice**  
**Grant Aid Programme 2021/22**

**Derry City and Strabane District Council**

- Community Support Fund
- Community Centre Venue Fund
- Good Relations [Core and Project Funding]

**Call for Applications**

**Opening Date:** Monday, 29th March 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**Closing Date:** Friday, 23rd April 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

**For further information please visit:**  
[www.dcsdcgrantaid.com/applications](http://www.dcsdcgrantaid.com/applications)  
From Monday, 29th March 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**Or contact:**  
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## MP welcome additional 'Bedroom Tax' mitigation plans

WEST Tyrone MP Órfhlaith Begley has welcomed the announcement of plans, by her party colleague and Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey, to make mitigations against the so-called Bedroom Tax permanent as well her plans to introduce further protections.

Heralding the move the Sinn Féin representative said: "The bedroom tax is an unfair and unjust Tory policy designed to punish the poorest and most vulnerable in society

"Sinn Féin fought hard for and secured a mitigation package to offset its introduction here in 2017 and approximately 38,000 householders across the north have been protected against the Tory Bedroom Tax policy in the form of supplementary payments including approximately 1,600 households here in West Tyrone.

"The mitigations previously been due to end in March of 2020, before being extended.

"Minister Hargey is submitting plans to the Executive to make these mitigations, specific only to the north, permanent.

"She is also moving to introduce further legislation to close the loophole which has prevented someone moving to a new property from receiving the top-up payment mitigation." Closing the loophole on the benefit cap is another key protection being added.

"Since taking on the Department of Communities portfolio, the Minister has further shown her and our party's commitment to protect the most vulnerable within or community against the damaging impacts of Tory Welfare through a wide range of initiatives and these additional plans further re-enforce this commitment."

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