Bord na gCon move towards new greyhound stadium

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THE FIRST steps towards a new greyhound stadium for Limerick were taken this week, when Bord na gCon, through the Limerick Race Company, lodged a full planning permission with Limerick City Council, for the development of a greyhound stadium and headquarter office, at the former Greenpark Racecourse, on a 6.6 Ha site.

Several months ago, and as exclusively reported in the Limerick Post, Bord na gCon took an option on the Greenpark site after they had abandoned plans to locate close to the Two Mile Inn Hotel because of planning difficulties with Clare County Council.

The proposed development at Greenpark will consist of a greyhound racing stadium and ancillary development works, car parking, lighting, landscaping and access works, all on a site of 6.6 Ha.

The track will be a 500m greyhound track (480m internal circumference/510 m external circumference), it will provide stadia viewing, dining area, kennel block, shop, storage areas and office building.

Site levels will be increased to accommodate the proposed development so that the proposed finished floor level of the stadium building will be 4.5m.

The track will generally be at a level of 4.2m, and the final height of the stadium building will be 16.1m with additional roof support poles of 9.7m.
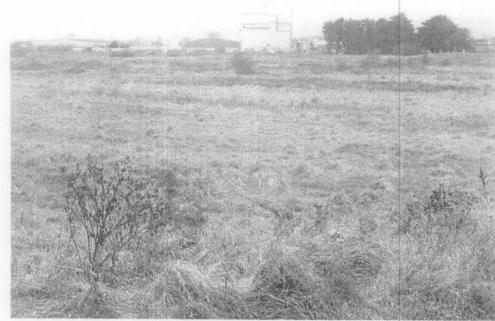
Filling of lands over an infrastructure wayleave is also proposed.

The facility will provide for 510 car, 54 greyhound trailers vehicles and three coach parking spaces around the stadium with access onto and from the Dock Road via the permitted internal access road which will require detail changes.

The proposed will also allow for the construction of a roundabout on this internal access road to access the north east end of the stadium site.

Should full planning permission be granted, Bord na gCon will be placing both the Markets Field and their Henry Street offices on the open market.

Greenpark Racecourse, where Bord na gCon are to relocate.