

State's new cuckoo scheme

■ LDA reveals plan to buy up apartments from private developers

THE Land Development Authority has put a call out to homebuilders to help bail out the Government's construction programme - by allowing them to buy apartments that would otherwise have been developed for private sale.

The LDA is seeking expressions of interest from homebuilders for new phase of Project Tosaigh I, which would see them forward-purchase apartment developments to speed up delivery of stock.

In effect this is a cuckoo scheme where the state metaphorically takes over the nest.

Under the scheme, the LDA is seeking to buy in advance



Call...Chief Executive of the LDA John Coleman.

apartment developments, which have yet to commence or have paused by providing the financial stimulus required for homebuilders to complete these homes.

This new phase of Project Tosaigh I will focus on proposals involving higher density housing in Ireland's five biggest cities, including Galway.

But if it's successful, it means that apartments that might otherwise have been destined for private ownership will be bought up by the state.

The LDA's Housebuilder Partnerships delivery already exceeds 1,700 homes, with a further 2,500 contracted and

another 1,500 being negotiated.

The LDA will pay a deposit up front and agree to purchase them in full once they are built. The homebuilders will then be required to develop the projects to completion.

Once completed, all homes made available as cost rental.

The process is open to all homebuilders and is separate to Project Tosaigh II, which involves a framework of developers who work in partnership with the LDA, mainly on a phased funding basis.

Chief Executive of the LDA John Coleman described Project Tosaigh as 'an excellent initiative' which 'has already

resulted in the delivery or pending delivery of almost 6,000 new homes'.

"Once we identify suitable projects, we will move quickly with the homebuilders to advance construction and to complete the homes," he said.

"The homes will then be made available to renters under the cost rental scheme. I would urge all homebuilders to examine the terms of the expressions of interest process and to submit relevant schemes," he added.

To participate in the process, homebuilders are requested to submit EOIs to the LDA by July 31.



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Is féidir cóip den Ordú agus de na Sceidil a ghabhann leis an Ordú agus de na léarscáileanna dá dtagraítear ann a iniúchadh ag na hionaid seo a leanas ar laethanta oibre idir 9:30am agus 4:00pm ón 7 Iúil 2025 go dtí 1 Meán Fómhair 2025 go huile (gan laethanta saoire poiblí a áireamh):

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- <https://www.galway.ie/droicheadcoiseuachtarardann59/>

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FORM OF NOTICE OF A COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER UNDER SECTION 76 OF AND THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT, 1966, AS EXTENDED BY SECTION 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO 2) ACT, 1960, TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4(A) OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT 1966 AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER NO. 3 2025 (PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CLIMATE CHANGE)

N59 OUGHTERARD FOOTBRIDGE, COUNTY GALWAY.

Galway County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the local authority") in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 76 of the Housing Act, 1966, and the Third Schedule thereto, as extended by section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by section 6 and the Second Schedule to the Roads Act, 1993 and as amended by the Planning and Development Act, 2000, has made an order entitled as above which is about to be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation.

If confirmed, the order will authorise the local authority to acquire compulsorily the land described in the First Schedule hereto for the purposes of the construction of the N59 Oughterard Footbridge and all ancillary and consequential works including the provision of structures, road pavement, road markings, access and accommodation works, and other ancillary works, in the townlands of Name: Carrowmanagh ID: 60953 and Name: Fough West ID: 62044.

Owners, lessees and occupiers of the land described in the Schedule will receive individual written notice.

The Housing Act, 1966, as amended, provides that An Coimisiún Pleanála cannot confirm the order in respect of the land if an objection is made in respect of the acquisition by an owner, lessee or occupier of the land, and not withdrawn, until it has held an oral hearing into the objection and until it has considered the objection and the report of the person who held the oral hearing.

A copy of the Order and of the Schedules thereto and of the maps referred to in it may be inspected at the following locations on working days between the hours of 9:30am and 4:00pm from 7th July 2025 to 1st September 2025 inclusive (excluding public holidays) at:

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Dated this: 4th July 2025.

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J. Brann, Rúnaí Contae

Jockey Oisín Murphy is fined £70,000 and banned after crash while drink-driving

Kerry sportsman issues an apology, saying he 'let a lot of people down'

MATHILDE GRANJEAN

Champion jockey Oisín Murphy has apologised after a judge fined him £70,000 (£81,000) for crashing a car into a tree while drink-driving earlier this year.

Murphy (29), drove his grey Mercedes A-Class off the road and into a tree in Hermitage, West Berkshire, at about 12.05am on April 27.

He was banned from driving for 20 months after pleading guilty at Reading Magistrates' Court yesterday to one count of driving a motor vehicle while over the prescribed limit of alcohol.

Murphy, who was with a passenger at the time, published a statement yesterday evening in which he apologised for the offence.

"I would like to sincerely apologise for my actions," he wrote. "I know that drink-driving is unacceptable and there is no excuse for what I did. I have let a lot of people down. I particularly want to apologise to my passenger and her family.

"I have so far been able to share only minimal details of my offence with the British Horseracing Authority as a result of the police investigation.

"I will now be fully co-operative with their inquiries. It would not be appropriate for me to comment further until that process is concluded."

Murphy, of Beales Farm Road, Hungerford, Berkshire, was taken to hospital after the crash, along with his passenger.

He was later discharged to take a



Oisín Murphy issued an apology through his barrister

breathalyser test at a police station at about 7am, which showed a reading of 66mg per 100 millilitres of breath.

This meant he was "just shy of twice above the drink-driving limit" at the time of driving, prosecutor Richard Atkins

told the court. He was subsequently interviewed by Thames Valley Police officers, but was unable to confirm what had happened as he claimed he did not have a clear memory of the incident, the prosecution added.

Murphy spoke only to confirm his name, date of birth and address before entering his guilty plea.

Judge Sam Goozee told him he was taking two aggravating factors into account, adding: "Your vehicle was involved in a collision, which indicates an impairment. You were also carrying a passenger.

"You are lucky that you, your passenger, or the public were not injured by your actions.

"I do balance that with the remorse you have shown for your actions. You have also recognised that you have let the public down by virtue of your actions, and your colleagues in the racing world."

Murphy, who rode five winners at Roy-

al Ascot last month, was fined £70,000 with a £2,000 surcharge and £85 in costs.

The figure was calculated based on his annual earnings, which the court heard are in the region of £250,000, in addition to a weekly salary of £1,250.

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) said Murphy will remain free to continue riding, but new conditions are likely to be added to his licence as a result of his conviction.

"Everyone at the BHA, like all involved in our sport, is disappointed today having learned the details of the offence to which Oisín Murphy has pleaded guilty," a spokesperson said in a statement.

"His conduct fell a long way short of the standard we expect of all licensed individuals, in whom we place trust that they will represent our sport to the best of their abilities, upholding our collective reputation and ensuring racing is a safe place for all.



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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER NO. 3
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