

Dublin Mountains Project

What's happening?

November 2016 – April 2017

While a robust assessment was carried out in early stages to establish concept viability the feasibility study established the concept but did not finalise designs and details, which require a further, more rigorous and detailed phase, which is ongoing over the period November 2016-April 2017.

A large multi-disciplinary consultancy team led by Paul Keogh Architects were recently appointed following a procurement process and are presently reviewing the concept/feasibility study and carrying out the detailed studies, technical reports and environmental assessments necessary to prepare a planning application for the proposal.

At the outset of the concept stage it was identified that an Environmental Impact Assessment would be required and on this basis the process required was the lodgement of a planning application and EIS with [An Bord Pleanála](#) under [Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000](#). It is anticipated this will occur in April/May 2017.

[An Bord Pleanála](#) is the independent national body in Ireland that operates as an impartial third party to ensure that physical development and, in particular major infrastructure projects in Ireland respect the principles of sustainable development, including the protection of the environment.

While statutory engagement will be carried out in accordance with legislative requirements, including public display of details of the proposals (when finalised and to include a model), the Council also intends to hold local engagement workshops in advance of submission of the planning application, most likely during February 2017. This phase will afford an opportunity for the details of the Project, as they form over the next 3-4 months, to be communicated and understood and for people to engage in the process.

The [Q&A document](#) summarises responses to many of the key questions to date.

