

# WHAT IS THE PART 8 PROCESS?

There are a number of steps required with the Part 8 process and many ways in which a school can act to gain support for the proposals.

The local authority must advertise notice of the development in an approved newspaper.

Step 1 & 2 is followed by a consultation period of at least **two weeks** in which the public can make observations and objections to the plan.

Councillors can vote to accept or reject the Chief Executive's report or make variations to the plan.

The final decision can be appealed to An Bord Pleanála **within 4 weeks** of the decision date.



The local authority must erect a site notice on the land where the proposed build will take place for a period of at least **four weeks**.

Within **eight weeks** after the consultation period, a report from the Local Authorities Chief Executive is presented to Members of the Council. This report must contain a list of people or bodies who made submissions, a summary of the issues raised and the Chief Executive's response as to whether the proposed development should proceed or not.

Elected members must make a final decision on the plan **within six weeks** of being presented with the Chief Executive's report.

An Bord Pleanála aim to make decisions **within 18 weeks**. They can either grant planning permission, refuse planning permission or grant planning permission with conditions, or amended conditions.