

WHAT IS PART 8 OF A PLANNING APPLICATION?

As part of the Safe Routes to School Programme (SRTS), a local authority may be required to apply for planning permissions for certain developments. This step-by-step guide explains the Part 8 process of a planning application undertaken by a local authority.



WHAT IS A PART 8?

The SRTS programme is an initiative of the Department of Transport and supported by the Department of Education. It is operated by the Green-Schools Programme in partnership with the NTA and local authorities. A dedicated SRTS Infrastructure Officer works with schools and local authorities during the process.



PART 8 What is Part 8 of a planning application, and what do I need to know about it as part of the SRTS Programme?

A Part 8 planning application is the method a local authority uses to apply for planning permission for developments over the cost of €126,000. Such developments may include a Strategic Development Zone, social housing, roads and street infrastructure. Permission is applied for under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations Act 2001-2015.

### PART 8

There is a set of processes which a local authority needs to undertake in terms of consulting with the public and receiving approval from the board of elected members.



**2** PART 8 AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION

> Public consultation is required for any works being undertaken by local authorities as Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2015.

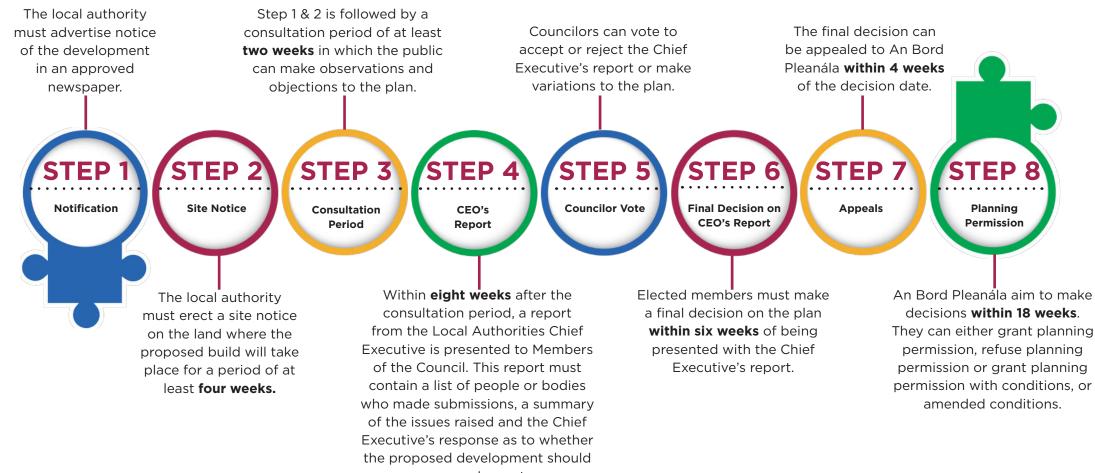
#### Planning and Development Regulations Act - Part 8

Public consultation is a fundamental element of the 'Part 8' planning application process. The school can play an active role to support the local authority with this step. It is pivotal that the school engages with and consults all of their stakeholders and the wider community on the proposed developments. By executing this public engagement exercise, the school is more likely to gain public acceptance, and instill support for the new front of school environment. Successful engagement and public participation is more likely to result in a positive decision from the local authority and an approved planning application from An Bord Pleanála.

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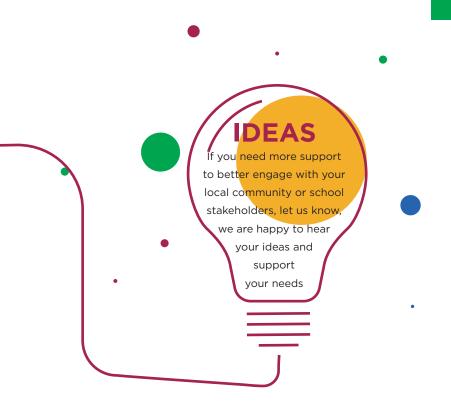
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## There are a number of steps required with the Part 8 process and many ways in which a school can act to gain support for the proposals.



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORT



There are multiple communication and engagement resources available as part of our Safe Routes to School Communication Toolkit. Together the SRTS Communication Officer and your dedicated Infrastructure Officer can prepare a media pack for the school with printable materials and editable templates.

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#### What schools can do

The best approach a school can take to support the Part 8 process is to **make a submission in support** of the proposals during the public consultation period. Schools should also encourage parents and the wider community to do the same. Schools can engage with their local stakeholders and the wider community by undertaking their own local consultation.

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