

# Concerns over 11-year-old children using nitrous oxide canisters

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CONCERNS: Nitrous oxide canisters are extremely dangerous



The blood flow and can be fatal. According to local councillor Dermot Richardson for Tallaght South, children as young as 11 are using the canisters, commonly known as silver bullets. "I just think there should be a warning sent out to people about the dangers of them. I see the canisters regularly, as you are walking on the streets they are thrown everywhere. All the parents I have spoken to say the same, there seems to be more oxide canisters, only for the catering trade, and that's what they are for", added Cllr Richardson. "Around Kiltinarden we are seeing it more and more, but I don't think it is just Tallaght, it is all over. I have been outside Tallaght and have seen them, they seem to be getting more popular with the kids of that age. It is not just a Tallaght issue, but I am representing the people in Tallaght and my concern is for the people around the area."

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The 'silver bullets' can usually be found in mass amounts strewn across parks, green spaces, car parks, streets and playgrounds

usage amongst young people. recently, indicating the increase in

"We are seeing it all around the place and parents are coming to me and saying, how are they getting away with it? I think there should be a call for a ban on these nitrous oxide canisters, only for the catering trade, and that's what they are for", added Cllr Richardson.

"I think it is getting worse, I have seen kids with them younger than 12.

"They are getting them online - I think there must be people making money from them. Someone is buying them online and selling them to the kids because an 11 or 12-year-old child couldn't get them delivered to their house because the

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Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or for purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy for a period of four weeks from Monday 12th April 2021 to Tuesday 11th May 2021 at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, and on the Council's Public Consultation Portal website <http://consult.southdublincoco.ie>

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated may be made in writing up to 4.30 pm on Tuesday 25th May 2021 and may be submitted either via:

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or Post to: Senior Executive Officer, Housing, Social & Community Development Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNMS.

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Date site notice erected: Friday 9th April 2021.

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### PROPOSED NEW WORKS TO PROTECTED STRUCTURE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 - 2018 PART 8 PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of the proposal to construct the following development by South Dublin County Council:

Rathcoole Courthouse

Proposed Extension and Alterations to the former Court of Petty Sessions, Rathcoole, County Dublin

Works to the existing building and its site which is a Protected Structure include:

• Demolition of the existing outbuildings and gates which are in the yard behind the former courthouse building.

• Demolition of part of the back wall of the former courthouse building where the proposed new extension will connect to the existing building.

• Works to allow access for all members of the community within the existing building include construction of a new toilet in the large room, a new access ramp up to the stage in the large room and fitting of an electronic motor to automate of the entrance door to the smaller room.

• Repair and partial replacement of the suspended timber floor.

• Replacement of the existing roof tiles with new roof tiles.

• Repair of the structural roof timbers and cornice above the larger room after water ingress, damage to internal finishes and decay of structural roof timbers.

• Mechanical and electrical works as required.

The construction of a new Extension behind the former courthouse building will include:

• A cafe / servery and kitchenette;

• Toilets and public conveniences;

• A meeting room.

The proposed works also include alterations to the boundary condition between the lane and the courtyard behind the existing building, new hard landscaping works and all necessary associated ancillary works on the site and adjacent areas.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment. The Planning Authority has made a preliminary examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development. The authority has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required. Any person may, within 4-weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

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