



€9 hourly charge as free parking for coaches to end

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FREE parking for coaches in Dublin city ends next month with the introduction of a €9 an hour charge.

The number of coach bays is also to be cut to free up space for cycle lanes. Dublin City Council tried

to introduce the charges last year but abandoned the attempt after opposition from tourism operators.

Brendan O'Brien of the city's environment and transportation department said the dedicated Docklands Coach Park, where all-day parking costs

€15, was still not being used. "We'll announce details of the new arrangements shortly," he said.

"We expect there will be upset again but there is an unused coach park available. "We reviewed the plan last summer and it's appropriate that we implement it now."



Waiting game:

The proud parents-to-be with Ms Lennon's daughter Kacey.

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Three times a baby: 'Super-rare' triplets on way

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A COUPLE are in shock after defying odds of 200 million to one by conceiving identical triplets naturally.

Emma Lennon (31) and partner David Hopkins (32) had given up hope on having children after trying for two years - then discovered they were expecting three identical daughters.

Ms Lennon, of Bettystown, Co Meath, had opened

a hairdressing salon in Mornington days before she found out she was pregnant.

Now 21 weeks pregnant, she is being watched closely by medics in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, where she could give birth in just seven weeks' time.

Ms Lennon has a daughter Kacey (10) who had wished for a baby brother or sister.

"We accepted that we may never have children but we were staring at the screen

when the sonographer said there were two little souls in there," said Ms Lennon.

"I was delighted because it was always a dream of mine to have twins. But then she spotted baby number three and David keeled over. He was pleading with the sonographer to stop counting.

"It's a super-rare pregnancy, especially as it happened naturally. I think the odds are between one in 60,000 and one in 200 million."

Survivor of Magdalene laundries to have her case heard by UN torture probe

Allison Bray

A MAGDALENE laundries survivor who claims the State denied her justice for more than 20 years, despite suffering a litany of abuse at the hands of nuns, will have her case heard by the UN's Committee Against Torture.

Co Kerry-born Elizabeth Coppin (70), who was in the care of Catholic religious orders from birth to the age of 18, has been seeking justice from the State for more than 20 years.

Ms Coppin was born in 1949 to a 19-year-old unmarried mother at a notorious mother and baby home, and was committed by the Listowel District Court to an industrial school in Tralee at the age of two because she was "destitute and illegitimate with her mother being unable to support her".

From the age of 14, she was sent to several Magdalene laundries in Cork and Waterford, where she alleges she was subjected to a litany of physical, mental and psychological abuse that she con-



Survivor Elizabeth Coppin

tends was "torture, cruel and inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment".

During her "arbitrary detention, servitude and forced labour six days a week", in all three Church-run laundries, she was locked into a six-metre cell with bars on the window that was bolted shut from the outside when the lights were turned off each night at 9pm," according to her submission to the UN.

On one occasion when nuns accused her of stealing sweets from another inmate, she was locked up for three days and nights in solitary confinement "with no bed, no toilet, one tin

cup of water, only one slice of dry bread for every meal."

In one of the laundries, her hair was shorn, she was dressed in sackcloth and given the "humiliating new male name Enda, which she particularly disliked because it was the name of her tormentor at the industrial school".

Ms Coppin, who moved to the UK in 1969, also claimed she was forbidden to speak, lived in "conditions of deliberate deprivation with inadequate food and heating", had limited contact with her family and society and feared she would "die there and be buried in a mass grave as had occurred to other women".

She claims the State "still fails to investigate, acknowledge or address that abuse", despite her seeking redress through various avenues.

The Government has until May 20 to provide a response to the UN. A Justice Department spokesman said Foreign Affairs was "taking the lead on co-ordinating a response, and a number of departments will be required to provide input".

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF DUBLIN MOUNTAINS VISITOR CENTRE

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA

An Bord Pleanála Reference (06S.JA0040)

We have been requested by An Bord Pleanála to give notice to the public that on 24th December, 2019 South Dublin County Council submitted:

- Significant further information which is additional to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (E.I.A.R) submitted with the application but which will form part of the Board's assessment of the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development and the likely significant effects upon a European site, if carried out.
- Other significant information regarding the proposed development such as a Natura Impact Statement, Updated EIAR and updated Operational Management and Monitoring Commitments.

This further information which has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála, may be inspected free of charge or purchased at a cost not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during public opening hours for a period of 34 days from the 18th February 2020 to the 23rd March 2020 at the following locations:

- South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 (opening hours Monday to Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm, Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm);
- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 (opening hours Monday to Friday, 9.15am to 5.30pm).
- Ballyroan Library, Orchardstown Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 (opening hours Monday to Thursday 9.45am to 8.00pm, Friday and Saturday 9.45am to 4.30pm)

They may also be viewed and downloaded at:

<http://www.sdcc.ie/services/parks-and-recreation/dublin-mountains-project>

Submissions or observations on these documents/information in relation to the proposed development may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 on or before 5:30 pm on the 23rd March 2020.

The main elements of the proposed development at the Hellfire and Massy's Wood Forest Properties, County Dublin include:

- Construction of a Visitor Centre, signage and other works.
- the conversion of 26 Ha of Coillte's Hellfire forest property from conifer forest to mixed deciduous woodland for use as amenity open space.
- Walking and equestrian trails.
- Conservation works to the Hellfire Club building.
- Details of other works are available at the above website address.

Submissions or observations may be made free of charge by persons who have already made submissions or observations on this application to An Bord Pleanála. Submissions or observations on the further significant information made by persons who have not already made submissions or observations on this application to An Bord Pleanála must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies).

This Notice is reissued having regard to the timeframe prescribed in Article 6(7) of Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by EU Directive 2014/52/EU on the effect of certain public and private projects on the environment (EIA Directive). Any person who has already made a submission/observation on these documents need not repeat such submission/observation already made as their submission/observation will be taken into account.

The Board may, in respect of this application for approval—

- approve the proposed development,
- make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in the approval and approve the proposed development as so modified,
- approve, in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications), or
- refuse to approve the proposed development,

and may attach to an approval such conditions as it considers appropriate.

A person may question the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Practical information of the review mechanism can be found on the Citizen Information Board Website at www.citizensinformation.ie and on the An Bord Pleanála website at www.pleanala.ie.