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Leasuithe Amendments

**Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

SECTION 2

1. In page 3, line 25, to delete “Section 11” and substitute the following:

“(1) Section 11”.

—*Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

- *2. In page 4, to delete lines 1 to 4 and substitute the following:

“(i) shall consult with members of the public in such manner (which shall include the holding of a public meeting or an online public meeting) as it considers appropriate, and invite submissions in writing from members of the public, in relation to a proposed development plan, and”.

3. In page 4, to delete lines 1 to 4 and substitute the following:

“(i) shall consult with members of the public in such manner (which shall include the holding of a public meeting, except during an emergency period as defined by *section 3* of the *Planning and Development Act 2020*, during which such meetings may be held) as it considers appropriate, and invite submissions in writing from members of the public, in relation to a proposed development plan, and”.

—*Senators Victor Boyhan, Sharon Keogan, Gerard P. Craughwell.*

4. In page 4, lines 1 and 2, to delete “(which may include the holding of a public meeting)” and substitute “(which shall include public meetings online and in person)”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

5. In page 4, lines 1 and 2, to delete “(which may include the holding of a public meeting)” and substitute the following:

“(which shall include public meetings, online and also in person except where the holding of a meeting in person may be

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detrimental to public health)”.
—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

6. In page 4, lines 1 and 2, to delete “(which may include the holding of a public meeting)” and substitute “(which shall include public meetings online and, except in an emergency period, also in person)”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

7. In page 4, line 3, after “submissions” to insert “online and”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

8. In page 4, line 4, after “and” to insert the following:

“shall ensure that where a member of the public chooses to make a submission in writing online they are not subject to a limitation in terms of length of submission, and”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

9. In page 4, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(iii) shall take active steps to support equality of access to participation in public consultation, in relation to a proposed development plan, with particular regard to obligations under the Public Duty on Equality and Human Rights, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability and the Aarhus Convention.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

10. In page 4, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(iii) will support full equality of access to participation to public consultation in relation to a proposed development plan and, where particular communities, marginalised groups or age cohorts impacted by a development plan are significantly underrepresented within initial public response to a consultation, will develop further strategies to actively encourage their participation.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

11. In page 4, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(iii) shall take active steps to support full equality of access to participation in public consultation in relation to a proposed development plan.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

12. In page 4, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(2) The amendment effected by *subsection (1)*# shall continue in operation until the date

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specified by order under section 251A(4) of the Principal Act.”.

—*Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

[#This is a reference to the subsection proposed to be inserted by amendment No. 1.]

13. In page 4, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“(2) The provisions laid out in section 11(3)(b) shall expire on 21 April 2021, unless the provisions are extended by a resolution passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

SECTION 3

14. In page 4, between lines 24 and 25, to insert the following:

“(iii) different categories of activity to which an emergency period might apply.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

15. In page 4, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following:

“(d) the need to adhere to Ireland’s obligations under the Istanbul Convention, with particular regard to the impact of Covid-19 on violence against women and girls,”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

16. In page 4, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following:

“(d) the need to adhere to Ireland’s international obligations under the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees regarding non-refoulement in the context of the global spread of Covid-19,”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

SECTION 4

17. In page 5, after line 38, to insert the following:

“4. The Minister shall, within two months of the passing of this Act, lay a report before both Houses of the Oireachtas regarding the updating of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2018, to reflect Government policy on shared accommodation (co-living) and whether ministerial guidance has been issued under the Principal Act to give effect to that policy.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

18. In page 5, after line 38, to insert the following:

“4. The Minister shall, within two months of the passing of this Act, publish a report setting out a proposal for what new or existing resources might be made available to support local authorities to support the processes set out in *section 2*.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*