

Ahead of turning 80, Dunphy steps away from his popular podcast

Presenter and his producer wife Jane taking a break for 'foreseeable future'

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Journalist and broadcaster Eamon Dunphy, who will celebrate his 80th birthday this year, is stepping away from his current affairs and sports podcast *The Stand*.

Dunphy has been presenting the show for over eight years, producing it alongside his wife Jane Gogan, who

is a former head of drama at RTÉ Television. Regularly at the top of the podcast charts, *The Stand* also attracted high-level commercial sponsorship, including from Tesco.

"*The Stand* is taking a break for the foreseeable future," yesterday's announcement said. "We both have long-standing commitments to other projects that we must attend to now."

"Before we go, we would like to thank all those who have helped *The Stand* to deliver quality news and current affairs content over the past eight years."

Pointing out that back editions of the podcast will remain on the Acast platform, the announcement added: "It's been difficult to make the decision to stop now as we've hugely enjoyed



Eamon Dunphy has been presenting 'The Stand' for eight years. Photo: Steve Humphreys

working together, but now is the time."

The last new edition of *The Stand* was posted on December 19, and since then it has reposted previous episodes.

Last May the firm behind the podcast recorded post-tax profits of €108,963 for the previous year.

Accounts filed by Pepperwort Ltd showed that the firm's 2023 profit was up 5pc on the €103,595 recorded in 2022.

The Pepperwort accounts also showed that at the end of December 2023, the

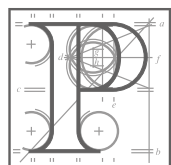
company was sitting on accumulated profits of €258,205. Dunphy and Gogan co-own the company on a 50/50 basis. The accounts showed that aggregate pay to the directors was €72,719 in the previous year.

A 23-times capped ex-Ireland international footballer, Dunphy has been writing and broadcasting for almost 50 years. His books include *Only a Game?*, an acclaimed account of the life of a professional footballer, and *Unforgettable*

Fire, an official biography of U2. He also co-wrote Roy Keane's autobiography, and most recently produced the first part of his own memoir, entitled *The Rocky Road*.

Dunphy has been a newspaper columnist for decades, including with the *Sunday Independent*.

He was a member of the RTÉ panel of football experts alongside John Giles, and the two regularly analysed the game on *The Stand* podcast.



An Bord Pleanála

Roads Acts 1993 to 2015 Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022 ABP-316272-23

Notice of a decision by An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme, all in the County of Dublin.

An Bord Pleanála has, on 16th December 2024, in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended, made an order to approve subject to conditions the proposed road as submitted by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

The conditions of the Board's decision are summarised as follows:

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.
2. The mitigation measures and environmental commitments contained in the submitted Natura Impact Statement (NIS) shall be implemented in full as part of the proposed development.
3. The mitigation measures and environmental commitments measures contained in the submitted Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) shall be implemented.
4. The developer shall prepare in consultation with the relevant statutory agencies, an updated CEMP, incorporating all mitigation measures indicated in the NIS and EIAR and a demonstration of proposals to adhere to best practice and protocols.
5. A suitably experienced and qualified ecologist will be appointed by the contractor. Where appropriate, monitoring shall be undertaken by specialists. Monitoring schedules shall be included in Site Specific Habitats Protection and Re-instatement Method Statements.
6. The developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority an Otter Conservation Plan.
7. (a) Trees to be felled shall be examined prior to felling and demolition to determine the presence of bat roosts.
(b) The developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority the design and location of permanent bat boxes to be installed.
(c) No ground clearance shall be undertaken, and no vegetation shall be cleared from the 1st day of March to 31st day of August, unless otherwise agreed with the planning authority.
8. The applicant shall submit an Invasive Species Management Plan to the planning authority.
9. The developer shall submit a Construction Traffic Management Plan and a Construction Stage Mobility Management Plan for the construction phase of the development for the written agreement of the planning authority. Both plans shall be implemented in full during the course of construction of the development.
10. The developer shall monitor queuing time/delays at each works location and record traffic flows on the local road network at locations to be agreed with the planning authority.
11. All works to protected structures and structures of cultural heritage interest shall be monitored and recorded by an Architectural Conservation Specialist, Re-instatement Method Statements shall be submitted to the planning authority to be held on file.
12. The developer shall facilitate the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features that may exist within the site. The developer shall:
 - (a) employ a suitably qualified archaeologist who shall monitor all site investigations and other excavation works, and
 - (b) provide arrangements for the recording and for the removal of any archaeological material which the planning authority considers appropriate to remove.
13. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall:
 - (a) acquire in writing Ministerial consent for all works at or in the immediate proximity to Rathfarnham Castle, and
 - (b) agree in writing with the planning authority the details of the type of finishes/materials for the proposed Rathfarnham Castle wall reinstatement.
14. Noise monitoring shall be carried out during the construction phase of the proposed road development by the developer to ensure that construction noise threshold levels (LAeq, period) shall not exceed the levels set out in the EIAR.
15. Prior to the replacement of trees, hedging, and planting which is to be removed, the NTA shall liaise with the relevant landowner with regard to the species, size and location of all replacement vegetation. Tree protection measures for all existing trees shall be put in place prior to commencement of development and all details of soft landscaping shall be submitted to the planning authority for agreement prior to implementation.
16. (a) Drainage arrangements shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.
(b) Any new or improved surface water outfalls shall be constructed in a manner which protects riparian habitat and does not result in excessive erosion of such habitat.
17. Details of the proposed public lighting system to serve the scheme shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority.
18. The finalised location and type of cycle parking stands throughout the scheme shall be agreed in writing with the relevant planning authorities.
19. The developer shall agree in writing with the planning authority details of the precise design and layout of pedestrian crossing facilities over cycle tracks at island bus stops on a case-by-case basis.
20. Scaled elevations of proposed bus shelters to be provided throughout the route shall be submitted for the written agreement of the relevant planning authority. Bus shelters within South Great Georges Street Architectural Conservation Area and Rathfarnham Architectural Conservation Area shall not have advertisement panels included.

The full text of the Board's decision, including conditions, can be viewed on the Board's website at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/316272>. A copy of the Board's decision and the EIAR is available for inspection at the offices of the National Transport Authority during office hours on working days for a period of 8 weeks beginning on the date of publication of this notice.

A person may question the validity of a decision by the Board 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 on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

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