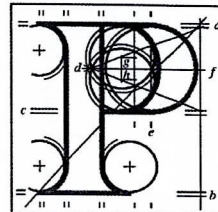


Our Case Number: ABP-310286-21



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Maria McInerney
Lisballyhea
Buttevant
Co. Cork

Date: 05 July 2021

Re: Railway works and all works necessary to eliminate and, where necessary, upgrade seven numbered level crossings and carry out all associated and ancillary works along a 24-kilometre section of the Dublin to Cork Railway Line.

Fantstown, Thomastown, Ballyhay, Newtown, Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village), Shinanagh and Buttevant, Co. Cork and Co. Limerick.

Dear Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed railway order and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of Cork County Council and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Lisballyhea,
Buttevant,
Co. Cork,
28 June 2021

Submission to An Bord Pleanala
on proposed closure of Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village) railway crossing
Case number NA04.310286

Dear Sir,

I wish to make this submission to An Bord Pleanala in relation to the above proposed development at Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village), Ballyhea, Co. Cork.

The proposed bridge and other works at Ballyhea Village are unsuitable for our village and make the village unworkable from the point of view of getting from one side of the village to the other. The scale and proportion of these works make a negative impact on the landscape and the environment as well as on the social cohesion of the village.

In 2010 our views were made known to CIE and Cork County Council about a similar bridge. They included noise levels, loss of green space, bridge situated too close to houses and the school, and devaluation of property. All of those issues were then accepted as reasonable by Cork County Council and are still valid.

In 2011 the bridge did not go ahead because Cork County Council took into account these concerns and refused permission to proceed with this application. Cork County Council advised CIE to draw up an alternative to the proposed bridge.

The proposal now submitted for Ballycoskery to An Bord Pleanala is basically the same plan drawn up in 2010 ignoring the 2011 planning determination of Cork County Council and local concerns. By going to An Bord Pleanala CIE thinks that it can get around the decision of Cork County Council to continue with its proposed bridge. By attempting to obtain compulsory purchase orders for works well beyond the scope of the provisions of the Transport Act, CIE is attempting to create a precedent that will allow major intrusion into the rights of private property.

I ask An Bord Pleanal to uphold the planning decision already made by Cork County Council in 2011 on building a bridge at Ballyhea Village.

I ask an Bord Pleanala to reject the proposal now made by CIE.

I ask an Bord Pleanala to encourage CIE to reexamine the proposal to build a tunnel under the railway line at Ballyhea Village as this would have the support of most people in the village and would be a less of an intrusion. In the event that building a tunnel might prove too costly for CIE I then ask the Bord to encourage CIE to upgrade the present level crossing to four gate CCTV, such as the proposed gate at Ballyhay, and to avail of modern safety technology.

I request an Oral Hearing.

I enclose a cheque to 50 euro.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Date: 28/6/2021

Signed: Maria McInerney