

Our Case Number: ACP-322956-25



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Colm Ashford
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Date: 01 September 2025

Re: Galway County Council Compulsory Purchase Order No. 3/2025 - N59 Oughterard Footbridge -
(Physical Infrastructure, Fire and Emergency Services and Climate Change)
In the townlands of Cregg, Carrowmanagh and Fough West, Oughterard, County Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your letter of objection in relation to the above mentioned compulsory purchase order.

In respect of same, please note that in circumstances where:

- (i) no objections are received by the Commission within the period provided for making objections, or
- (ii) all objections made are subsequently withdrawn, or
- (iii) all objections made relate exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by a property arbitrator the Commission will inform the local authority as appropriate and, in such circumstances, the local authority can itself confirm the order with or without modification or refuse to confirm the order in accordance with the provisions of section 216 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

The Commission has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Commission will inform you on this matter in due course.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie. Please quote the above-mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

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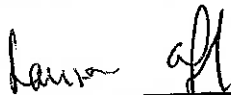
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Yours faithfully,



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Lauren Griffin

From: Lauren Griffin
Sent: Monday, 1 September 2025 10:47
To: 'colmashford@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: ACP-322-956-25

A Chara,

The Commission acknowledges receipt of your email; official correspondence will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: Colm Ashford <colmashford@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 31 August 2025 10:29
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: ACP-322-956-25

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Dear Sir/Madam

Upon review of Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 3) 2025 N59 Oughterard Footbridge by Galway County Council, we have noted our findings and are presenting our objections to Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 3) 2025 on the basis of the following findings.
Galway County Council plan to acquire lands at Carrowmanagh Park by CPO for the purpose of compensatory planting of approximately forty trees, to offset tree felling outside of Carrowmanagh Park as part of the Oughterard Footbridge project.
There is also a plan to install an access gate from the Carrowmanagh Park Green to the Owenriff Riverwalk.

While I have no objection to the footbridge, I do object to the excessive number of trees that are planned to be planted on the open green area of Carrowmanagh Park, and where they are to be planted.
In my opinion, they would swallow up the entire play area used by residents for over 20 years and make it a danger for residents driving in and out as the view of children would be obstructed, increasing chances of a horrible accident happening.

I am in favour of some tree planting, but it should be done closer to the boundary walls and they should also be repaired, because they are crumbling.

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Colm ashford (no 11.)