

Our Case Number: ACP-322987-25

Your Reference: Johnny Harty & Edward Harty Jr



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Laois Traveller Action Group
c/o Brian Byrne
Unit 7 Bridge Street
Portlaoise
Co. Laois
R32 HDN4

Date: 18 August 2025

Re: Derelict Site at Cooltederry, Portarlinton, Co. Laois
Cooltederry, Portarlinton, Co. Laois

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer to your letter dated 29th July 2025 on behalf of Johnny Harty and Edward Harty Jr in connection with the above-mentioned case.

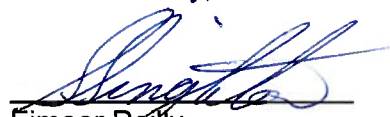
Consideration of this matter is proceeding and will be completed as soon as possible.

You will be notified of the Commission's decision as soon as it is made.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, 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.

Yours faithfully,


Eimear Reilly
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To Eimear Reilly,

I was asked by Johnny and Edward Harty to forward this letter on to you.

Regards
Brian Byrne

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Men's Community Development Worker

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**Re: Objection to Proposed Compulsory Acquisition of Derelict Site at Cooltederry,
Portarlinton, Co. Laois**
Case Ref: ACP-322987-25

Dear Ms. Reilly,

We are writing in response to your letter dated 9 July 2025 regarding the proposed compulsory acquisition of the site at Cooltederry, Portarlinton, Co. Laois.

We wish to formally object to this proposed acquisition. While we are not the registered owners of the property, we are asserting a claim under **adverse possession**, having had continuous, open, and exclusive use and occupation of the land for over **thirty years**. This property has been in our family's use for that entire period, and we have treated it as our own in good faith.

We wish to highlight that the property has recently been **cleaned and painted**, and brought to a **respectable condition**, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to maintaining and caring for the site.

In relation to the **timeline of notices** referenced in the file by Laois County Council (dated **20 December 2023, 14 May 2024, and 29 May 2025**), we must respectfully state that **we did not receive these notices**. They were not addressed to us, and to our knowledge, were **placed on the front gate**, which is located on a **public pathway**. As such, the notices could have been easily removed or tampered with by **any member of the public**, and we had no opportunity to formally respond at the time.

We are currently in the process of seeking to regularise our title to the property, and we intend to continue with improvements. We respectfully ask that the Commission consider our position carefully and allow us to pursue our legitimate and lawful claim, rather than permitting compulsory acquisition of a site that we have long regarded and maintained as part of our family heritage.

Please confirm receipt of this objection. If further information or clarification is required, we are more than happy to assist.

Yours sincerely,
Johnny Harty
Edward Harty Jnr