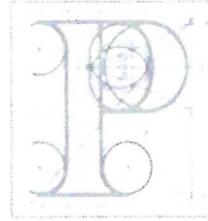


Our Case Number: ACP-323830-25



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Brendan Murray & Doris Grehan
O'Moores Forest
Mountmellick
Co. Laois
R32 X8Y2

Date: 21 January 2026

Re: Proposed flood relief scheme
in Mountmellick, County Laois

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it or approved it with conditions.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please do not hesitate to 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
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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Date: 11th December 2025.

**Doris Grehan /
Brendan Murray
O'Moores Forest
Mountmellick
Co. Laois R32X8Y2**

Reference: Case No. is 323830

This observation / submission is made on Doris Grehan's behalf by
Brendan Murray

You can use my email, etc. for any correspondence

To whom it may concern,

We have concerns about flooding in O'Moores Forest Mountmellick R32X8Y2.

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This is very concerning and extremely frustrating as we are in the Mountmellick address area, etc.

Actually, we were the first house to get flooded in Mountmellick (R32X8Y2) in 2017, before the Manor road, etc.

We have not heard a word and/or no one has called to the house or has looked at this major problem we have with flooding.

We were shown a map of the Flood Relief Scheme and the 3 back up / holding locations, etc.

Question: This is to hold the water to let water flow down the river?

Surely, this will back up the water even before it reaches Mountmellick town.

The water will automatically back up at Derrycloney (Hickey's Bridge) and at the next bridge the Blackwater bridge (on the Ballyfin to Mountmellick road). The road floods here before it ever reaches Derrycloney (Hickey's Bridge) and floods into the farmers (Ryan's) fields

The Blackwater bridge floods regularly when there is heavy rain. The water comes out onto the road and the council have to erect signage to warn people the road is flooded. You can check this issue out with Bill Delaney (head guy) over Mountmellick County Council.

This leads me onto the water backing up at our house.

The stream that runs along the side of the house flows into the Blackwater and into the Owenass river into Mountmellick.

There is a road bridge over the stream beside the house, along with drains either side of the lane. When heavy rain comes, the water gets caught at the bridge and floods out onto the road and that is what caused the flooding at our house in 2017 and flooding to this present day. The bridge is not fit for purpose anymore. The bridge is incapable of letting the volume of water that flows through the bridge pass through it without the water backing up.

Another issue, is farmers draining land in the area which has caused a lot more water to flow down to the bridge causing the water to back up and cause flooding

Another issue, is the forestry cut loads of tress up the Slieve Bloom mountains and the water is coming from the mountain into this stream and backing up at the bridge at our house.

If branches, etc. get caught in the bridge, it will back up the water also. I personally have to take the branches, etc. out of the stream at the bridge. If I don't the water will be in on top of us again.

These are very serious issues we have we water coming from the stream and overflowing causing flooding. This is also a health and safety issue as it is endangering peoples lives driving through the floods on the road/lane outside the house. No one knows where the road and the drains are when it floods.

Refer to Photos Below

Can you give this priority and include it for submission on the Mounmellick Flood Relief Scheme and get back to us on this immediately.

086 8954472

Regards,
Brendan & Doris



The Patio Door. We had to use make shift sand bags from old sand we had. The county council could not get up the road to us. It was to late by them the house was flooded at 6am, before it hit the town.



The Bridge, road, front of house



The road, vehicle stuck in flood, tractor had to pull them out of it



The whole property and road flooded



Eimear Reilly

From: SIDs LAPs Oral Hearings
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To: Derek Kelly <Derek.Kelly@pleanala.ie>
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From: Brendan Murray <brendanmurray69@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Flooding in Mountmellick

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We have been informed to contact yourselves, so a record has been made on our behalf.

If this email is accidental send to the wrong department, can you please forward it onto the respective department.

if you can't , can you please send us on the correct email address to forward this email onto.

086 8954472

Regards,
Brendan & Doris

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