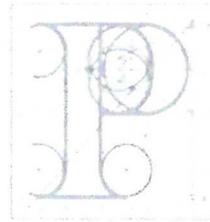


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Ronan Wall
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Date: 21 January 2026

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,

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15th December 2025

An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Re: Submission on Mountmellick Flood Relief Scheme

A chara,

Having reviewed the drawings and documentation, I wish to note my comments and bullet points on the proposed scheme.

Permanent right of ways appear at the bottom of flood embankment access ramps, some areas have large rectangular areas that are required but others do not, what is the reason for this.

Why is the embankment so wide, can they not be maintained from the top of the embankment, why have another maintenance corridor at the bottom? Unnecessary

Embankment ramps, too many gates but others have less?

What embankment maintenance is required?

Mill race tie-in on the western boundary of the study area, there is a drain that takes a lot of water to the east of the mill race, should the flood embankment tie into the embankment of the mill race.

The land that is marked unregistered land is registered under the registry of deeds.

Why are the temporary storage areas so large and other smaller parts of fields left with no access to them? How is one supposed to access them?

Will access to the mill pond fields be from Manor lane? There is currently a high stone wall along the edge of the permanent way leave.

Why leave tiny pieces of land by field boundaries, discussed this on consultation day.

Wall finishes in some documents are said to be clad with reclaimed or imported stone, on another document, a table describes that no areas apart from one area would use stone.

There is a green line looped around a culvert under an embankment to the west of Manor mill, I can't figure out what this is, its on another area too.

Changes at consult day not shown or changed. Some have been.

Overhead line pole behind mill, grey blob next to embankment to the west of Manor mill? Not esb pole

Long sections don't appear to show existing then proposed side by side.

There are no longitudinal sections showing the manor mills area and the proposed embankments

Traffic will be very busy in the town while the Owenass bridge works take place. I am concerned about a map showing an alternative route to access Mountmellick from the Portlaoise side using a narrow one car wide lane from the Ballyfin road past New mills and down sandy lane to Manor road.

Update Ordnance Survey (OS) maps, OS maps river from aqueduct to mill pond needs to be added to os maps, I have already stated this many times, showing there is no river here could affect the river flood models.

I couldn't find the existing width of the Owenass bridge to see how much wider or longer it will be

A text calls Mountmellick a village!

Track machines on roads, extra construction vehicles damaging roads, will these be repaired post construction?

Manor road restriction structure / Flow control measure? Do other locations not have this?

Mountmellick relief road integration, there appears to be no thinking of if this road were to happen, how it could tie into the flood embankments

Before the scheme is operational, the installation of a simple flood forecasting unit, which includes the addition of telemetry to an existing hydrometric gauge to send warning messages when water level reaches a specified trigger point. This is mentioned as part of another flood scheme. I myself use Mapalserter to schedule an email to be sent to me when both the Manor Road and Chapel lane hydrometric monitoring stations reach a certain level based on previous flood levels. A text based system would be better.

Yours sincerely



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