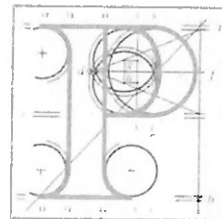


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**Date:** 28 November 2025

**Re:** The proposed development consists of the construction of a new Footbridge and resurfacing of existing lane with walkway link to the existing park in the form of new footpaths and all ancillary site works as required to complete the works.  
Newport Ball Alley and Park, Newport, Co Tipperary.

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 note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

*Kevin McGettigan*

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**Objection to the Planning Notice for the Newport Ball Alley Footbridge, REF ACP323836**

To whom it may concern,

We, Brian Dunne and Jorien Szkudlarski, are writing to you as the owner and residents of a property directly across from the Newport Ball Alley, and our property borders the proposed development site as laid out in the planning notice. In this regard, we are writing to you with some concerns regarding the recent application to An Coimisiún Pleanála

We would like to formally raise an objection to the proposed development at the Newport Ball Alley Footbridge, project number 7766, here in county Tipperary. The grounds of this objection are concerns regarding the likely effects of the development on the local environment, which we will further describe below.

Firstly, the Newport ball alley and garden area, while it has been well maintained, has unfortunately become a hangout spot for some of the local youth. With this, we have been experiencing ongoing antisocial behaviour such as noise pollution in the summer evenings and bonfires, along with the constant use of fireworks in the winter evenings. We have made several reports of these events to the local Gardai, despite this, no noticeable change has been observed.

Our concern is, the proposed footbridge would create a link from the ball alley directly to the rear of our property, to a very secluded area of the town. This secluded area is the proposed picnic bench area, to the rear of our property. We fear this would become an extension of the current loitering area and therefore the antisocial behaviour it enables.

Furthermore, the laneway which will join the proposed the picnic bench area to the centre of the town, is narrow and steep. It is not an inviting access route for the members of the public to avail of because of the steep incline. This reaffirms our fear that the area to the rear of our property will only be an extension of the current antisocial behaviour and will not be used by members of the public, as it is hidden from view.

We would also like to note at this laneway is a service corridor for the properties that back onto it. The proposed handrail would narrow the access for those needing to use the laneway to service the rear of our properties. For example, access for maintenance, storage of waste bins, etc.

A further concern involves the existing access route to the ball alley, as this access appears to belong to a private property. Because of this, we fear this access route may be closed off once the new development is in place. The potential closure of the access route causes concerns as we fear all the antisocial behaviour would pass via the side and rear of our property to the ball alley, causing further disruptions.

Lastly, we would like to say we are not opposed to developing the proposed area. We are merely concerned how the current plans will fit into the bigger picture of Newport Town and the local life for residents.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Dunne and Jorien Szkudlarski