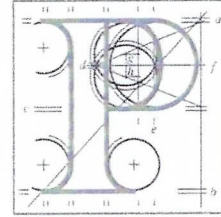


Our Case Number: ACP-324069-26



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Andrew Mawdsley & Sharon Scally
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Date: 26 March 2026

Re: Proposed development under sections 175 and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2005 (as amended) for proposed coastal and flood risk management works. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.
Burrow, Portrane, County Dublin

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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An Coimisiún Pleanála,
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**RE: Planning Application – Case No: 324069
The Burrow Portrane Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM)
Scheme**

Dear Sir or Madam

We refer to the planning application referenced above, and we wish to record our full support for the works set out in the application:

- Construction of seven fishtail (Y shaped) groynes structures with a beach nourishment scheme;
- Construction of a c. 190m long earth embankment;
- Construction of a combined c. 130m long sheet piled flood wall and a c. 200m embankment;
- Installation of back drainage behind the proposed defences with associated outfalls; and
- Installation of non-return valves to existing outfalls to prevent backflow of water from the estuary.

As a result of the erosion of the dune system in The Burrow, these works are now critical and essential, not only for those most immediately affected, but also for the long-term protection of our broader community. The installation of temporary Seabee defences was very welcome, but this was not a permanent solution.

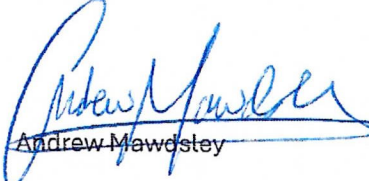
We have lived in the Burrow for more than 20 years and have seen a dramatic change in the eastern foreshore as, first, the dune system was eroded and then, in more recent years, further erosion inland. Neighbours on the eastern edge of the Burrow are now at immediate risk of losing their homes to the sea and some unfortunately have been lost already. For those of us living further inland from the eastern foreshore, continuing erosion without permanent sea defence measures raises the frightening possibility of the Burrow Road being affected, especially at its southern end, and the Burrow and its residents effectively being cut off.

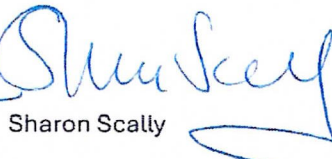
Aside from the impact to homes in the Burrow, the current situation adversely affects the Burrow beach as a wonderful amenity for the people of Fingal. The temporary installation of Seabee defences and the temporary measures taken by homeowners, desperate to stop their properties from being taken by the sea, are an inevitable eyesore that deter people from using the beach in the numbers that they might. Moreover, given the extensive housebuilding on the Donabate peninsula and planned doubling of the population, any loss of amenity cannot be sustained.

Last, we are not biologists or environmentalists, but the reality is that the once magnificent dune system and the natural life it supported has been almost completely eroded. Only small elements remain and the background environmental studies indicate that the remnants would be preserved, if not enhanced, by the proposed works. The background environmental studies are comprehensive and frank about the environmental impact, but they ultimately suggest minimal adverse environmental impact from the proposed works.

We believe firmly that the proposed works would draw the best balance between protecting our homes and local community, securing an amenity for the broader community, and preserving the natural environment of the Burrow.

Yours sincerely


Andrew Mawdsteley


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