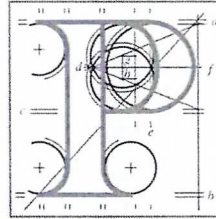


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**An
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Date: 07 April 2026

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,

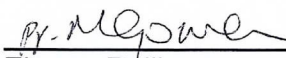
An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

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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RE: Planning Application – Case No: 324069

The Burrow Portrane Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) Scheme

Dear Sir / Madam,

With regard to the above-referenced application, I wish to record my full support for the proposed works:

- 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
- Installation of non-return valves to existing outfalls to prevent backflow of water from the estuary

It's clear that these works are critical and essential for the protection of our community and should be pursued with the utmost urgency.

I have lived beside the beach all my life until recently, and have witnessed the gradual encroachment of the sea and its disastrous effects.

Some gardens have disappeared altogether, while in one case, a home had to be demolished for fear it would also fall into the sea, and the erosion has seriously imperilled several other homes and businesses. While much-needed temporary Seabee blocks installed in 2018 have only slowed erosion, a more permanent defence system is needed.

A sand bank in front of my childhood home, where my parents still live, fell away after Storm Kathleen, providing a sea view we don't particularly want and serving as a reminder of what is in store if protections are not put in place.

There's no safety net for people if a house goes; the possibility that they might be rehoused or relocated, bought out, or something like that doesn't exist. That's why people are so afraid of what might happen to them.

Following on from an ongoing campaign over many years by local residents, going back to Grandparents' time, and through the work of the Council's Coastal Liaison Group, of which I am a member, collaboration with national stakeholders, the Office of Public Works and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Council has come up with the proposals, in close collaboration with local residents, which form the subject of this application.

Portrane's grey, fixed dunes, which are a vital and regionally endangered natural habitat, are entirely gone now, but it's not too late to restore them. The RPS consultants' proposal of sea groynes, structures built perpendicular to the shoreline, for trapping sediments, sand replenishment and marram grass would hopefully restore the habitat that was lost, through a hybrid of engineering and nature-based solutions.

This proposal would restore the habitat and provide essential long-term protection to the entirety of the Burrow, Portrane, protecting 100s of homes and businesses.

This proposal also offers hope to other coastal communities across Ireland, serving as an exemplar in the face of worsening Climate Breakdown.

There's a sense of desperation and hopelessness in the area, and our community wants to see this scheme approved as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Paul Mulville