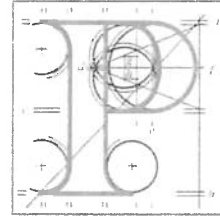


Our Case Number: ACP-324069-26



**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Derek O'Reilly
Riverview
Burrow Road
Portrane
Co. Dublin
K36HD71

Date: 13 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.

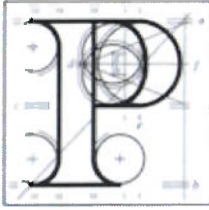
Yours faithfully,

Éimear Reilly
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737131

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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's
name

Derek O'Reilly

(b) Observer's
postal address

Riverview, Burrow Road, Portrane, Co. Dublin,
K36HD71.

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal
address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Coimisiún Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**

(for example: 300000)

324069

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

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- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a resident of Portrane for over 30 years to express my strong support for the proposed development of groins as part of the coastal and flood risk management works currently under consideration.

Having lived in this community for three decades, we have personally witnessed the rapid and very scary erosion of our coastline. What was once a stable and vibrant beach environment has been steadily worn away by the sea. The loss of dunes, land and natural protection is deeply concerning for those of us who live here, particularly for homeowners whose properties are increasingly under threat from coastal erosion.

We strongly support the installation of groins along the beach as a practical and necessary solution. We have seen the evidence of similar measures working successfully in other coastal communities facing the same challenges. These interventions have helped to stabilise shorelines and protect both homes and natural environments, and we believe the same approach can safeguard our coastline here in Portrane.

Protecting this area is not only about safeguarding homes. It is also about preserving the surrounding natural environment, including the nearby nature reserve and the wildlife that depends on it. If erosion continues unchecked, the damage will extend far beyond property lines and will impact fragile habitats that are part of what makes this area so special.

On a personal level, the changes to the beach have been heartbreaking to watch. Our daughter grew up here and spent much of her childhood on this beach. When she was young there was a boardwalk across the dunes where she rode her bike, played with friends and spent long days exploring the shore. The dunes felt safe

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and alive, and the beach was a place where she developed a deep appreciation for nature.

Today that landscape has changed dramatically. The dunes have eroded to the point where they are unsafe for children to be near. The boardwalk is gone, and large amounts of washed-up pollution now cover parts of the shoreline. The harmonious space where our daughter once learned about the natural world has been significantly diminished. Each time she returns home from abroad, she remarks on how much of the beach she remembers has disappeared.

We want future generations to experience the same sense of place and connection to nature that our daughter had growing up here. Most importantly, we want families in this community to be able to continue living here without the constant fear that their homes could eventually be lost to the sea.

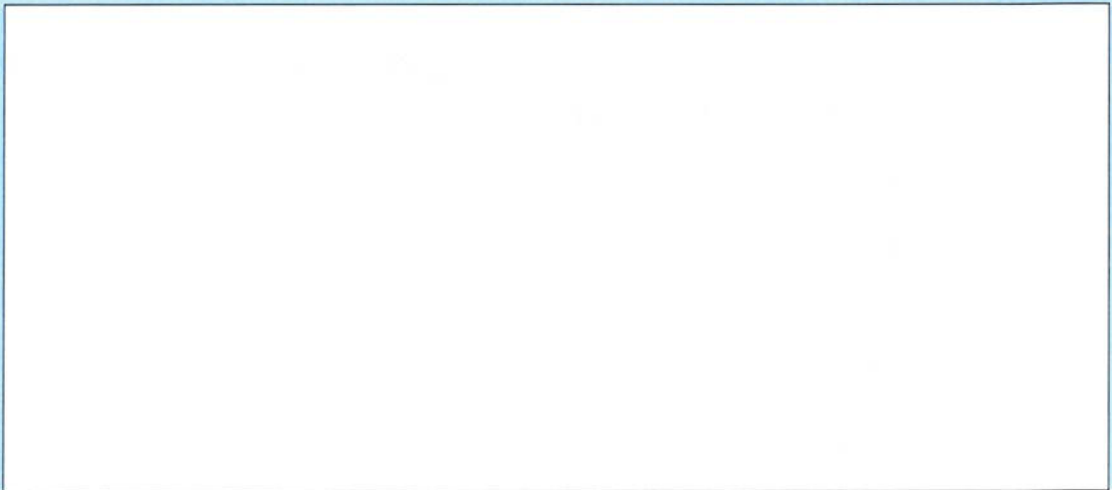
For these reasons, we strongly support the proposed coastal protection works and the installation of groins as outlined in the project documentation, including the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). We believe these measures are necessary to protect our homes, our natural environment and the long-term sustainability of our community.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Derek O'Reilly

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Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Coimisiún to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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FEM – Received		SIDS – Processed	
Initials		Initials	
Date		Date	

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