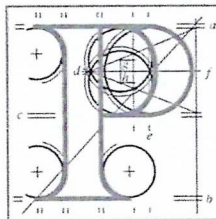


Our Case Number: ACP-324069-26



**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Donabate Branch – Labour Party
c/o Tony McDermott, Secretary
c/o Teach Bán
Marsh Lane
Portrane
Co. Dublin
K36RT26

Date: 08 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,

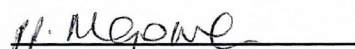
An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

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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Date: 26th March 2026

An Coimisiun Pleanála

64 Marlborough St.

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Re Planning Reference 324069

Dear Secretary,

The members of the Donabate Branch of the Labour Party in attendance at our AGM on 4th March 2026 decided that, in relation to the above application, the branch should register our **full support** for the:

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

We have paid the required fee of €50 (fifty euros).

All our members either live in, or near, the area that this application relates to. We note that the key EU designations in the immediate vicinity are:

- Rogerstown Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and
- Rogerstown Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA).

We are pleased to note that these designations are in place to protect our valued coastal wetland habitats (including sand dunes and mudflats), wintering wildfowl, and waders. We appreciate the valuable role of our precious wetlands and the need to preserve the various bird species that visit our shores.

Local residents have, over the years, participated enthusiastically in a number of environmental projects including:

- Assisting with the laying on the boardwalk along the dunes at Portrane beach as part of a joint project between Fingal Co. Co. and the Burrow Resident's Association.
- Participating in the annual Coastwatch Europe Shore Survey
- Numerous beach clean-up days

Local residents are also well aware of, and fully support, the Portrane Little Tern/Ringed Plover conservation project. We look forward to this captivating annual event, which is normally monitored by Bird Watch Ireland volunteers.

Climate change, caused by the burning of fossil fuels, has led to a rise in sea levels and to an increase in the frequency and severity of the storms that have caused an alarming degree of coastal erosion on the Burrow peninsula. One house has already been lost to the sea. A number of houses are under immediate threat. Most of the sand dunes that ran alongside the beach have now been washed away. Interim measures have only assisted to a marginal extent.

The CFERM Scheme proposed by Fingal County Council is essential for the protection of the community. Although the local community are frustrated by the long delay in getting to this stage we do accept that there have been considerable efforts by Fingal County Council to involve, and consult with, the local community. We are content that a number of possible adaptation responses were given serious consideration and that this is the optimum approach to build resilience and reduce vulnerability.

The proposed CFERM Scheme is designed to respect the EU designations. It is a necessary and essential climate change adaptation measure. If the application is approved and the groynes are constructed, we may even see a welcome return of the sand dunes alongside the beach. In any situation where construction is proposed in an environmentally sensitive area a balance has to be achieved to ensure that the construction does not adversely affect the delicate ecosystem. We believe that this proposal has struck the right balance.

Tony McDermott

Secretary

Donabate Branch - Labour Party