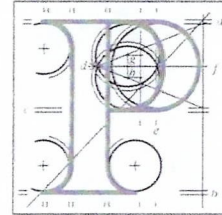


Our Case Number: ACP-324069-26



**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Justin Lawler & Linda Joy
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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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27 March 2026

Dear Sir or Madam

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

I'm writing to record my full support for the above scheme, covering the:

- 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 obvious to those of us who live here that these works are now urgent and critical for the protection of the Portrane community.

I write not simply as a current resident, but as someone whose life has been intertwined with the shoreline that the community is now asking to be protected. My wife and I moved to Portrane nearly eight years ago to be close to my relatives and the beautiful beach and surroundings. But my history goes back further: my father helped his uncle build a house in the Burrow after the war, and the childhood memories of playing on the beach with my cousins, some of whom have now sadly passed, is always with me as I walk now with my wife and our dog on this beach.

So, the beach is not only a beautiful walking spot, but also a place of memory, reflection and continuity - for all the residents of Portrane. I've played on it as a child and walked along it in all seasons. It's where I've found peace in the beauty of the beach, its natural environment, and a sense of belonging that's difficult to put into words.

It's with a very heavy heart that I've watched the increasing erosion of the beach and sand dunes, year after year. What once felt permanent now feels very fragile. We dread storms – each battering of the beach and dunes relentlessly takes more of it away, and with it, a part of the landscape that has shaped the life of this small community. For me and my relatives the loss is not only physical - it is deeply emotional. It feels as though history, memory, and identity are being washed away along with the land.

For visitors too, it's a special place. Walking on the beach, I often meet them in the summer as they walk along the sands and usually ask what dreadful thing has caused the land edge to collapse and make such awful marks on the seafront. It is sad – this beach should be enjoyed by everyone who visits and an amenity for the rapidly expanding population on the Donabate peninsula.

I understand that funding decisions are complex and must balance many competing needs. However, I ask you to consider what this coastline represents not only to the community. Investment in sea defences is not just about preserving land; it is about protecting a way of life, safeguarding memories, and ensuring that future generations can form the same meaningful connections to this place.

I respectfully urge the board to give serious consideration to funding and implementing the proposal. The cost of inaction is not measured solely in metres of lost land, but in the quiet erosion of community, memory, and the history of people who live here as well as the wider community of visitors.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Justin Lawler', written in black ink.

Justin Lawler