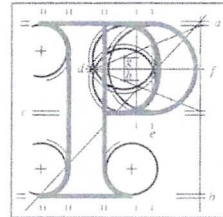


**Our Case Number:** ACP-324069-26



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Michael & Brid Moynihan  
The Crescent  
Portrane  
Co. Dublin  
K36 PY50

**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](mailto: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, COUNTY DUBLIN – COASTAL FLOODING AND EROSION  
RISK MANAGEMENT (CFERM) SCHEME**

Dear Sirs/Madam,

With regard for the above referenced application, we wish to record my **FULL SUPPORT** for this Application Case No. 324069, that is:

- 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;

these works are now critical and essential for the protection of our community.

**I Michael Moynihan** was born and raised in Portrane and my wife **Brid** has resided in Portrane for over 30 years. We're married with three grown-up children, with all five of us living in the area. We run the local Pub, called 'The Brook', which is genuinely

the heart of our community. The Pub is situated extremely close to the beach, with the main pedestrian route located directly adjacent to it.

To give you some history in relation to the Pub itself: -

The Pub was established in 1896, subsequently purchased by my father Patrick Moynihan in 1959 and is now run by the second generation of the Moynihan family (myself and my wife). Our children have all worked in the Pub and are fully engaged in all aspects of our family business and the local community. Just to clarify, when the Pub was initially purchased there was a huge expanse of dunes located directly behind it, which has through the intervening years been completely eroded away.

We ourselves are fully engaged in all aspects of our local community, being involved in various committees, clubs, festivals, fundraisers etc., both on a personal and professional level.

We have used the amenity of Portrane beach throughout the years with our children when they were young, having numerous family days out and picnics on the beach. Now spending many hours walking our dogs on a daily basis, which is something we earnestly want to continue into the future.

We live and work, i.e. run the local Pub, which is the heart of our community. We have invested greatly in our business over the years, which now incorporates an Italian Restaurant (Ninos) and an Ice Cream Parlour (Sea Scoops).

We are a long-established second-generation family-run business in Portrane and under the umbrella of these three businesses we employ circa 30 local people therefore we are considered a significant employer in the Portrane area. Until these works are carried out, we simply cannot invest any further in our family business as we are living in fear of the sea, therefore we urgently need this Application to be granted and implemented.

Over these years we have witnessed the total devastation of dune network. Our family and the local community have participated with Fingal County Council on an array of projects to slow down the rate of erosion i.e. installing hazel fencing, used Christmas trees etc. One of the major projects undertaken was the installation of a boardwalk along the rear of the dunes and fencing off access to the grey dune network to assist,

encourage and strengthen the growth of marram grass, etc. to knit and stabilise the sand in the dunes.

Unfortunately, over the preceding years high intensity storms and constant lapping of the waves at the base of the dunes have devastated the dune network to the extent that the existing dunes have been completely washed away and the boardwalk and fencing are completely gone and has been for many years. In some areas the sea is at the back gardens for a lot of my friends and neighbours.

The force and strength of the sea in recent storms have breached the laneway adjacent to the Pub. The sea water was literally flowing down the laneway recently and it was only with the help and assistance of family and friends and with the emergency delivery of sandbags from Fingal County Council that saved us. Only for this our livelihood, our long-established family business would have been flooded with the potential loss of circa 30 jobs!

The situation is now dire, and we simply cannot wait any longer or endure any more.

**THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESS AND OUR ENTIRE LOCAL COMMUNITY.**

The stress and anguish that we and our family have endured over the years and is currently under cannot be expressed fully enough in this submission, it is simply something you have to live with on daily basis to fully understand what we have gone through and which is still ongoing.

Therefore, we request that you look positively on this Application Case No 324069 and Grant its construction for the long-term solution and ensure survival of our community.

Yours faithfully,

*Michael Moynihan*

Brid Moynihan

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