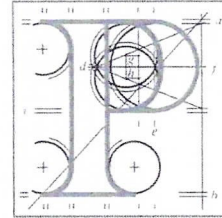


Our Case Number: ACP-324069-26



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Patricia Kennedy
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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

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 to An Coimisiún Pleanála – Case No: 324069

for Proposed Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management works (CFERM) Scheme at the Burrow, Portrane

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to this application, I wish to record my full support for the proposed: -

- 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 critical for the protection and preservation of our community on the Donabate Portrane Peninsula.

I have been a resident in Portrane since 1999 and was the envy of friends and family because my home was just a few minutes' walk from Portrane beach, which was at the time a regular recipient of the prestigious Blue Flag. The Blue Flag is one worlds most recognised award for beaches and marinas with the required high standard of bathing water quality. Not only was the water quality excellent, but it was also an incredibly safe, shallow beach for the younger less experienced swimmers. The beach was always considerably quieter than the nearby Donabate beach, which attracted more visitors. The beach unfortunately lost its Blue Flag award in 2015, when a severe storm caused run-off affecting the water quality, and failed to be awarded since then.

Coastal erosion has impacted The Burrow beach extensively in the last 20 years. Fingal County Council has been very pro-active over the years using many projects to slow the rate of erosion. The most relevant of which was the installation of a boardwalk to encourage the growth of

marram grass to stabilize the sand dunes. I was one of the substantial number of volunteers building the boardwalk in 2006. Storms in later years destroyed the boardwalk. The sea not only ripped up the boardwalk but also took meters of back gardens along the beach and in one case, an entire house was swept off the sand dunes, leaving behind only a pile of construction rubble.

I have friends living in the Burrow and each new storm with a high tide and an easterly wind strikes terror in everyone. After each new storm event, I go to the beach to see the latest ravages of the storm. A pedestrian pathway installed by Fingal County Council multiple times has been ripped up, in one situation just the day after it was installed. As climate change accelerates, significant storm events that used to be rare now happen several times each year.

Portrane residents were delighted with the proposed CFERM scheme, which is finally bringing a relief and hope to the community, after years of stress from each significant weather event. I request that the members of An Coimisiún Pleanála grant permission for its construction.

Yours Sincerely,

Patricia Kennedy