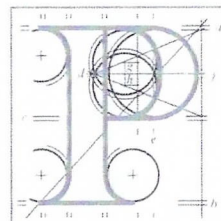


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An  
Coimisiún  
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Sharon Shevlin  
The Burrow  
Portrane  
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K36 P262

**Date:** 24 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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An Coimisiún Pleanála  
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RE: Planning Application – Case No. 324069  
The Burrow Portrane Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) Scheme

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write not only as a resident, but as a mother and wife who has watched coastal erosion shape every part of our family's life for more than a decade. This application is not an abstract plan to us—it is the difference between living with constant fear and finally being able to breathe.

I wish to record my full support for the proposed works:

- Construction of seven fishtail (Y-shaped) groynes with beach nourishment;
- Construction of a c.190m earth embankment;
- Construction of a combined c.130m sheet-piled flood wall and a c.200m embankment;
- Back drainage behind the proposed defences with associated outfalls;
- Non-return valves on existing outfalls to prevent tidal backflow.

These measures are essential—urgently needed to protect Portrane, our homes, our families, and the community infrastructure that holds us together.

Since 2011, the erosion has advanced relentlessly. The loss and removal of the community boardwalk to the incoming tide was more than a physical disappearance; it was a turning point—proof that the sea had come too close to our front doors. By 2018, and again in 2020, storm events took a significant portion of our land. We lost ground—literally—and with it, a sense of safety we had taken for granted.

From 2020 onwards, my husband has shouldered a burden that no family should have to carry alone. Most weekends, and many nights, he has stood out in the wind and spray, filling and placing over 10,000 sandbags by hand—with nothing more than a shovel. That work reclaimed and defended our property as best as any one person could. It also meant evenings with no time for our home, no rest, and a constant pressure that never truly lifts. I have watched him come in exhausted, hands raw, knowing another high tide is always on its way.

Portrane has been our home for over 30 years. Our three children have grown up under the shadow of coastal erosion—their childhoods marked by red weather warnings, sleepless nights, and the dread that the next storm could take away the only home they have ever known. The mental fatigue and strain this puts on young people is hard to describe: they learn to read tide charts before they learn to relax. Every forecast feels personal. Every storm is a test of nerves. This is no way for a family—or a community—to live.

We have done everything we can as individuals. But it is no longer sustainable or fair for families to shoulder this alone. The proposed groynes, embankments, flood wall, drainage and non-return valves are not just engineering solutions; they are the promise of stability, dignity, and peace of mind. They are a commitment to protecting people as well as property—to giving children back a sense of security, and giving parents the relief of knowing that the next storm won't undo their lives.

For these reasons, I fully and unequivocally support the approval of this application. It is the practical, long-term solution our community needs—and the only path that offers real protection for Portrane's families and future.

I respectfully urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to approve the application without delay.



Our family home protected by sandbags

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very serious matter

Yours sincerely,

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