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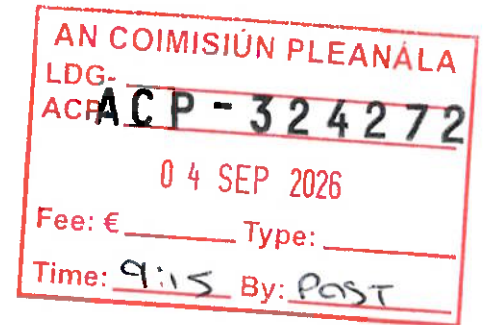
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Our Ref: 1036-2026-L-14941

Your Ref: HA05E.324272
KA05E.324298

3rd September 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division)
64 Marlborough Street
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RE: Application under Section 51 of the Roads Act 1993, as amended, for approval of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal

Lodgement of the associated Compulsory Purchase Order for confirmation

Response to Submissions/Objections: Request for an Extension of Time

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you in relation to the above TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal, the application made by Donegal County Council (“DCC”) in May 2026 for approval of the proposed road development pursuant to Section 51 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended), and also the lodgement of the associated Compulsory Purchase Order (“CPO”) for confirmation (case references HA05E.324272 and KA05E.324298 respectively).

Further to DCC’s applications, An Coimisiún Pleanála (the “Commission”) invited DCC on the 18th August 2026 by separate e-mails to make a submission on the observations received in relation to (i) the Section 51 Application, Reference No ACP-324272-26 and (ii) the application for confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order, Reference No ACP-324298-26. The Commission advised in each case that any submissions in relation to the above were to be received by the Commission on or before 14th September 2026.

While the work required to prepare DCC’s submissions on the objections/submissions is ongoing, it will unfortunately not be possible to meet the 14th September 2026 deadline due to the volume of objections and submissions that require to be responded to, which comprises a total of 111 objections to the CPO and 91 submissions in relation to the Section 51 Application, and which includes in particular a number of very involved submissions that raise a large number of issues, including a large number of legal issues, all of which need to be responded to.

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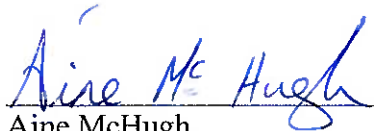
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As a result of this, DCC will require further time to fully respond to all of the matters raised in those objections and submissions, and in that regard DCC is formally requesting an extension of time to submit its submissions to the Commission, to 23rd October 2026.

Further, as the Commission is aware, a separate public consultation process in Northern Ireland will shortly commence in relation to the Section 51 Application, which is being advertised by DfI under Northern Irish legislation, and we understand that the deadline for submissions to be made to the Commission as part of that consultation process will be 30th October 2026. In those circumstances, an extension of time to 23rd October 2026 for the submission of DCC's submissions will not delay the Commission's consideration of these applications, but will ensure that DCC is in a position to fully respond to the matters raised in the submissions and objections.

While the Commission can be assured that DCC is working promptly on its submissions, DCC would be very grateful in all the circumstances described above if the Commission would grant this extension, and we look forward to hearing from you in that regard.

Yours faithfully,



Aine McHugh

For and on Behalf of Donegal County Council

Enc E-mail dated 18th August from the Commission re HA05E.324272
 E-mail dated 18th August from the Commission re KA05E.324298



Outlook

ACP-324272-26 - Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project - Circulation

From Lauren Griffin <lauren.griffin@pleanala.ie>

Date Tue 18/08/2026 14:41

To BRIAN REID <Brian.Reid@Dnrdo.ie>

Cc AINE MCHUGH (NRDO) <AINE.MCHUGH@DNRDO.IE>

A Chara,

I refer to the above referenced case which is before the Commission for consideration.

These submissions have been received by the Commission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and are available to be viewed/downloaded from the Commission's website at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/324272>

The Commission considers it appropriate to invite you to make a submission on the observations received in relation to the application. Please be advised that any response to the Commission's invitation should not contain any additional reports or supplementary reports and should be confined to the issues raised in the observations received by the Commission.

Any submission in relation to the above must be received by the Commission within 4 weeks from the date of this letter on or before 14th September 2026.

Please ensure that one copy of each submission is kept available for inspection by the public.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please 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.

Kind regards,
Lauren

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ACP-324298-26 - Donegal County Council (TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal) Compulsory Purchase Order, 2026 - Circulation

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Cc AINE MCHUGH (NRDO) <AINE.MCHUGH@DNRDO.IE>

A Chara,

I refer to the above referenced compulsory purchase order which is before the Commission for consideration.

108 objections have been received by the Commission against the above-mentioned compulsory purchase order and have been forwarded to you by Sharefile link.

The Commission hereby considers it appropriate to invite you to make a submission on the observations received in relation to the application. Please be advised that any response to the Commission's invitation should not contain any additional reports or supplementary reports and should be confined to the issues raised in the observations received by the Commission. Any submission in relation to the above must be received by the Commission within 4 weeks from the date of this letter on or before 14th September 2026

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