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Dear Laureen,

Further to An Coimisiún Pleanála's correspondence 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 dated 18th August 2026, please find enclosed a letter on behalf of Donegal County Council requesting an extension of time to submit its submissions to the Commission.

A hard copy has also been issued by post.

Kind regards,
Aine McHugh.

Aine McHugh | Senior Executive Engineer | Donegal National Roads Office
For and on behalf of Donegal County Council



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Donegal County Council



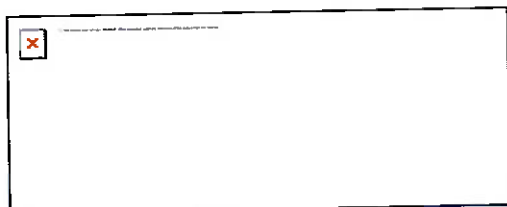
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Your Ref: HA05E.324272
KA05E.324298

3rd September 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division)
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
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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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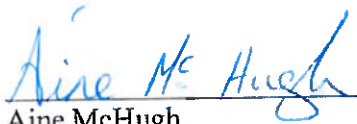
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As a result of this, DCC will require further time to fully respond to all of the matters raised in those objections and submissions, and in that regard DCC is formally requesting an extension of time to submit its submissions to the Commission, to 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