

Lauren Griffin

From: Lauren Griffin
Sent: Tuesday 15 September 2026 14:33
To: 'Millar, David (ROADS)'
Subject: RE: RE: RE: Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Millar,

The Commission acknowledges receipt of your email; the contents are noted.

Kind regards,
Lauren

From: Millar, David (ROADS) <David.Millar@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday 15 September 2026 14:21
To: Lauren Griffin <lauren.griffin@pleanala.ie>
Subject: RE: RE: RE: Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project

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Hi Lauren

Attached is a copy of the Department's Notice which will appear in the papers w/c 21 September 2026. The Notice contains information on locations where all the consultation documents can be inspected or downloaded. The wording of the Notice has been agreed with Donegal CC and the cost, circa £31k, will be reimbursed to us by Donegal CC. We are also emailing the notice to our statutory consultee list, other Departments and local councils.

The deadline for submissions direct to the Commission is by 5.30pm on 10 November 2026.

Davy Millar

(Job share – Mary Toner)

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From: Lauren Griffin <lauren.griffin@pleanala.ie>
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Subject: CM: RE: RE: Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project

Hi David,

The Commission acknowledges receipt of your email.

The draft notices have been reviewed, and the Commission are satisfied that statutory requirements have been **met**.

Kind regards,
Lauren

From: Millar, David (ROADS) <David.Millar@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday 8 September 2026 09:38
To: Lauren Griffin <lauren.griffin@pleanala.ie>
Subject: RE: RE: Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project

You don't often get email from david.millar@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Morning Lauren
Would you be available for a call today?

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Sent: 03 September 2026 14:29

TEN-T PRIORITY ROUTE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – DONEGAL

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HAS MADE AN APPLICATION TO THE AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA, FOR APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT. IN LINE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 67BZA (2) OF THE ROADS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1993, THIS NOTICE IS BEING PUBLISHED IN NORTHERN IRELAND TO ENSURE THAT ALL AUTHORITIES AND THE PUBLIC IN NORTHERN IRELAND ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, BEFORE ANY DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE PROJECT IS GRANTED, TO FORWARD TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA, WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME, THEIR OPINION ON THE INFORMATION

1. Donegal County Council (the road authority) has applied under section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) to An Coimisiún Pleanála (the Commission) for approval in relation to a proposed road development (the development) as follows:
- Section 1 – N15/N13 Ballybofey/Stranorlar Urban Region
 - Section 2 – N56/N13 Letterkenny to Monaghan/Stranorlar
 - Section 3 – N14 Monaghan/Stranorlar to Lifford/Stranorlar/AS Link

- and consisting of:-
- Approximately 4.0km of mainline N13 Type 1 dual carriageway
 - Approximately 30.9km of mainline N13, N14, N15 and N56 link Type 2 divided road
 - Approximately 3.4km of mainline N15 Primary Road Connector Type 3 divided road
 - Approximately 1.0km of redesigned single carriageway national road
 - Approximately 40.0km of redesigned single carriageway non-national road
 - Approximately 6.0km of shared pedestrian / cycle active travel facilities
 - 7 major river bridge crossings including the Fen (Ballybofey), Backless, Cloghroe, Swilly, Swilly Burn, Dooie and Finn (Lifford)
 - 7 grade-separated junctions
 - 10 at-grade roundabout junctions
 - 17 road overbridges
 - 16 road underbridges
 - 3 active travel bridges
 - 8 model shift hubs (park and share / cycle facility)
 - Approximately 3.700m of Nose barriers
 - 12 road signage gantries
 - 12 active travel and accommodation underpasses
 - 9 retaining walls
 - Approximately 110 drainage culverts (> 12m spans)
 - Utility diversions including diversion and alteration of existing ESB 110kV overhead lines
 - Drainage system, including attenuation ponds, flood storage areas and outfalls
 - Auxiliary roadworks such as lighting and road sheds, signage, safety barriers, lighting, lighting, ducting and
 - Landscape and environmental mitigation measures
 - together with all ancillary and consequential works.

The proposed road development will be constructed within the County Donegal electoral divisions of (i) Dooie, (ii) Stranorlar, (iii) Conny, (iv) Ladehore, (v) Magheraboy, (vi) Letterkenny Rural, (vii) Monaghan/Stranorlar, (viii) Kesh, (ix) Treenaghmucklagh, (x) Feidglass, (xi) Clontarf North, and (xii) Clontarf South. The location of the proposed road development is illustrated in the accompanying map.

Donegal County Council has submitted to the Commission the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA), prepared in accordance with section 50 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), and Directive 2011/62/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011, on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014, in respect of the proposed road development.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has also been prepared and has been submitted to the Commission in respect of the proposed road development in accordance with Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

2. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected at the locations listed below on working days during normal working hours at each venue from 24 September 2026 to 15 November 2026:

- The offices of Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, F93 Y622
- The offices of Donegal County Council, Public Services Centre, Letterkenny, F92 TNY3
- Twin Towns Community Library, The Bess Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar, F93 VAK3
- The offices of Donegal County Council, Public Services Centre, Donegal Town, F94 DK3C
- The offices of Donegal County Council, Public Services Centre, An Cloinn Liath, F94 H4CF
- The offices of Donegal County Council, Public Services Centre, Camlough, F93 Y1YN
- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 Y9K2
- During office hours at the offices of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, The Orange, Mountjoy Road, Lurgan, Fermanagh, BT47 2NQ
- By appointment during office hours at the offices of the Department for Infrastructure, 1 Crescent Road, Derry, BT47 2NQ
- During opening hours at Stranorlar Library, 1 Railway Street, Stranorlar, County Tyrone BT82 8E7

Item	Title	Fee	Electronic (USB)
1	EIA Non-technical Summary	€15	€10 (for the entire suite of documents)
2	EIA Main Text	€150	
3	EIA Drawings	€200	
4	EIA Technical Appendices	€150	
5	NIS	€90	

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) as well as other documentation relating to the application may be inspected and downloaded free of charge at the website: www.donegal.gov.uk

A copy of the application documentation and Environmental Impact Assessment report and copies of submissions and observations that have been received by the Commission in relation to the proposed development can be viewed on the Commission's website through the following link: <http://www.donegal.gov.uk/roadworks2026>

4. The proposed road development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Northern Ireland.

5. Submissions may be made in writing to the Commission (see below), in relation to:
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development;
 - the implications of the proposed road development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed road development; and

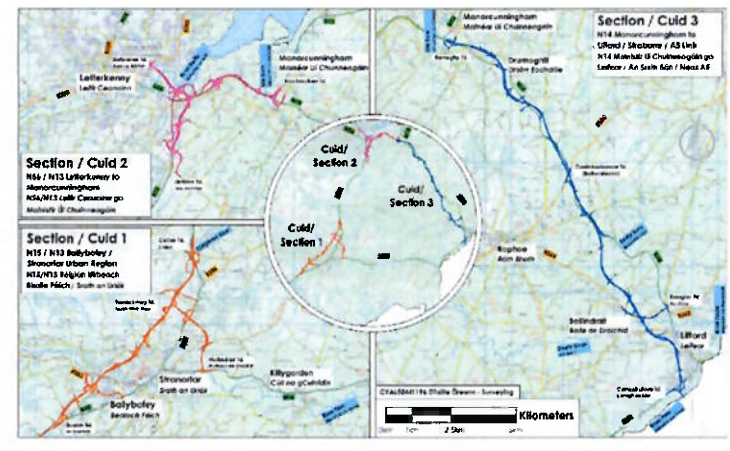
- the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on a European site before 5.30pm on 16 November 2026.

There is a €50 fee for making a submission/observation in relation to the proposed road development. This fee does not apply to certain prescribed bodies or to property owners and others with a legal interest in land who are subject to compulsory acquisition of land in which they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case. Submissions with a fee can be made via post (to: An Coimisiún Pleanála at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 Y9K2), in person, and via the Commission's online submission portal <http://www.pleanala.ie/en/submit-observation>. Submissions where, as set out above, a fee is not required can be made via post, in person, and via email to leas@pleanala.ie. Further information in this regard may be obtained from An Coimisiún Pleanála on 01 6566110 or from the website of An Coimisiún Pleanála at www.pleanala.ie

6. The Commission, in relation to an application for approval under section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), having reached a reasoned conclusion under section 51(5)(c) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) and being satisfied that the proposed conclusion remains up-to-date, may, by order, approve the proposed road development, with or without modifications and subject to whatever environmental conditions (including conditions regarding monitoring measures, parameters to be monitored and the duration of monitoring) it considers appropriate or may refuse to approve such development or any part thereof.

A person may question the validity of any decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála on a proposed road development by way of an application for judicial review under the Rules of the Superior Courts (and in particular Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts contained in SI No. 15 of 1986 as amended) and in accordance with sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Further information can be obtained from An Coimisiún Pleanála, at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 Y9K2 in respect of the judicial review procedure. Practical information on the review mechanism can also be accessed under the heading 'Judicial Review Notice' on the Commission's website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en/submit-observation> or from the 'Citizens' Information' website at <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/environment/development-and-the-law/judicial-review-of-planning-and-environmental-claims/>



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Job No: 94834
Belfast Telegraph
29cm x 6col (255)
23.09.26
£8,028.19 + VAT
Approval Deadline: ASAP

Irish News
28cm x 8col (265)
23.09.26
£5,068.11 + VAT
Approval Deadline: ASAP

News Letter
28cm x 9col (265)
23.09.26
£5,426.57 + VAT
Approval Deadline: ASAP

Derry Journal
28cm x 9col (268)
22.09.26
£1989.41 + VAT
Approval Deadline: ASAP

Londonderry Sentinel
28cm x 9col (265)
24.09.26
£2113.90 + VAT
Approval Deadline: ASAP

Strabane Chronicle
29cm x 7col (262)
24.09.26
£1214.96 + VAT
Approval Deadline: ASAP

Strabane Weekly News
28cm x 8col (265)
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£1330.00 + VAT
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Tyrone Courier
28cm x 8col (265)
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1. Donegal County Council ("the road authority") has applied under section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) to An Coimisiún Pleanála (the Commission) for approval in relation to a proposed road development titled as above and comprising three sections, namely:-

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- Section 2 – N56/N13 Letterkenny to Manorcunningham
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- Landscaping and environmental mitigation measures.
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- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902
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3. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (or part(s) thereof) and/or the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be purchased from Donegal County Council from the 24 September 2026 to 10 November 2026, on payment of the following fee(s):

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