

John & Kathleen Browne
Cappry
Ballybofey
Lifford
Co. Donegal
F93YHP4

Date: 24 June 2026

Re: Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project
all routed along the electoral divisions of Dooish, Stranorlar, Convoy, Lettermore, Magheraboy,
Letterkenny Rural, Manorcunningham, Kinraigy, Treantaghmucklagh, Feddyglass, Clonleugh
North, and Clonleugh South, all in County Donegal

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in the meantime, 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.

Yours faithfully,

Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-005368

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Kathleen Browne

Lodgement Date
10/06/2026 20:49:32

Case Number / Description
307462

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Kathleen Browne

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

€

Lodgement No

LDG—

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

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Yes

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No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

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Yes

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No

Signed

Date

EO

Finance Section

Payment Reference

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

€

Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board
Member

Date

Date

Validation Checklist

Lodgement Number : **LDG-088587-26**

Case Number: **ACP-324272-26**

Customer: **John & Kathleen Browne**

Lodgement Date: **10/06/2026 20:49:00**

Validation Officer: **Eimear Reilly**

PA Name: **Donegal County Council**

PA Reg Ref:

Case Type: **Local Authority Road Development**

Lodgement Type: **Observation / Submission**



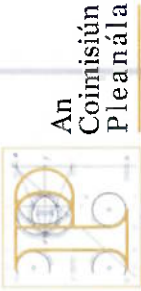
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Validation Checklist	Value
Confirm Classification	Confirmed - Correct
Confirm ABP Case Link	Confirmed-Correct
Fee/Payment	Valid – Correct
Name and Address available	Yes
Agent Name and Address available (if engaged)	Not Applicable
Subject Matter available	Yes
Grounds	Yes
Sufficient Fee Received	Yes
Received On time	Yes
Eligible to make lodgement	Yes
Completeness Check of Documentation	Yes

Run at: 24/06/2026 10:47

Run by: Muirín Gowen

Lodgement Cover Sheet - LDG-088587-26



Details

Lodgement Date	10/06/2026
Customer	John & Kathleen Browne
Lodgement Channel	Web Portal
Lodgement by Agent	No
Agent Name	
Correspondence Primarily Sent to	
Registered Post Reference	

Lodgement ID	LDG-088587-26
Map ID	
Created By	Muirin Gowen
Physical Items included	No
Generate Acknowledgement Letter	
Customer Ref. No.	
PA Reg Ref	

Categorisation

Lodgement Type	Observation / Submission
Section	SIDs/LAPs

PA Name	Donegal County Council
Case Type (3rd Level Category)	Local Authority Road Development

Fee and Payments

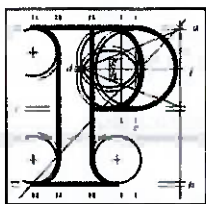
Specified Body	No
Oral Hearing	No
Fee Calculation Method	System
Currency	Euro
Fee Paid	50.00
Refund Amount	0.00

Observation/Objection Allowed?	
Payment	PMT-070498-26
Related Payment Details Record	PD-070327-26

Observation

PA Case Number	
PA Decision Date	
County	
Development Type	
Development Address	all routed along the electoral divisions of Dooish, Stranorlar, Convoy, Lettermore, Magheraboy, Letterkenny Rural, Manorcunningham, Kinraigy, Treantaghmucklagh, Feddyglass, Clonleugh North, and Clonleigh South, all in County Donegal
Appellant	
Supporting Argument	N/A

Development Description	Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, all routed along the electoral divisions of Dooish, Stranorlar, Convoy, Lettermore, Magheraboy, Letterkenny Rural, Manorcunningham, Kinraigy, Treantaghmucklagh, Feddyglass, Clonleugh North, and Clonleigh South, all in County Donegal
Applicant	
Additional Supporting Items	



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Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

Your details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

(a) Name

Mr & Mrs John & Kathleen Browne

(b) Address

Cappry, Ballybofey, Lifford, Co Donegal, F93YHP4

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal process we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this observation, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

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The agent at the address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Donegal County Council

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

ABP-307462-20

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

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(d) Location of proposed development

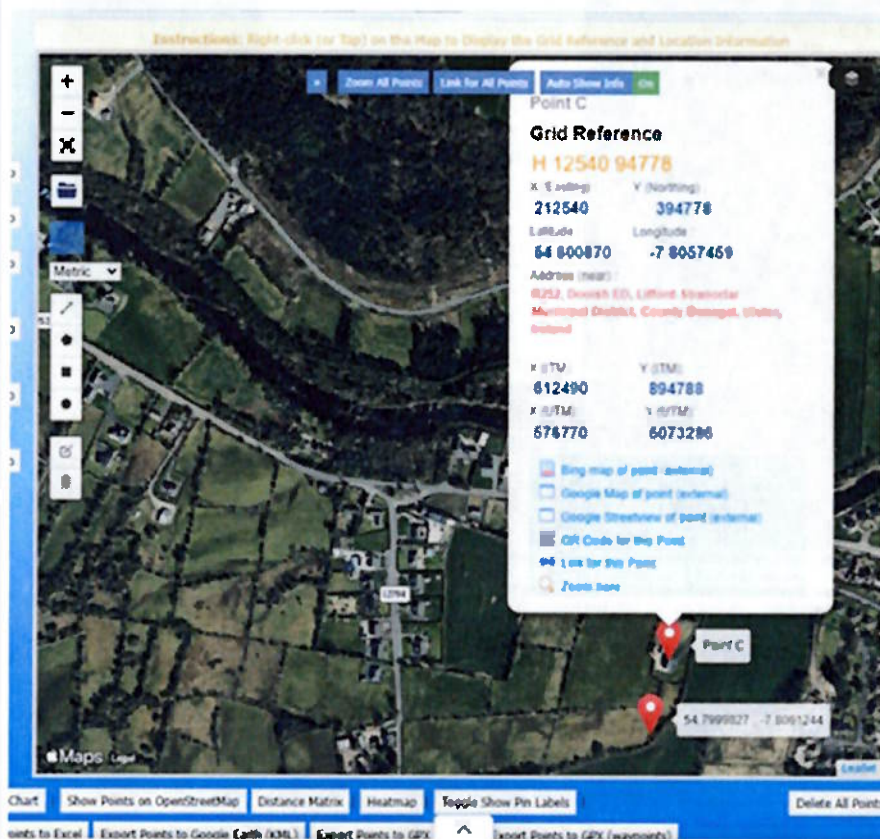
(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Ten-T Priority Route Improvement Project – Section 1: N/13/N15
Ballybofey/Stranorlar Bypass

Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

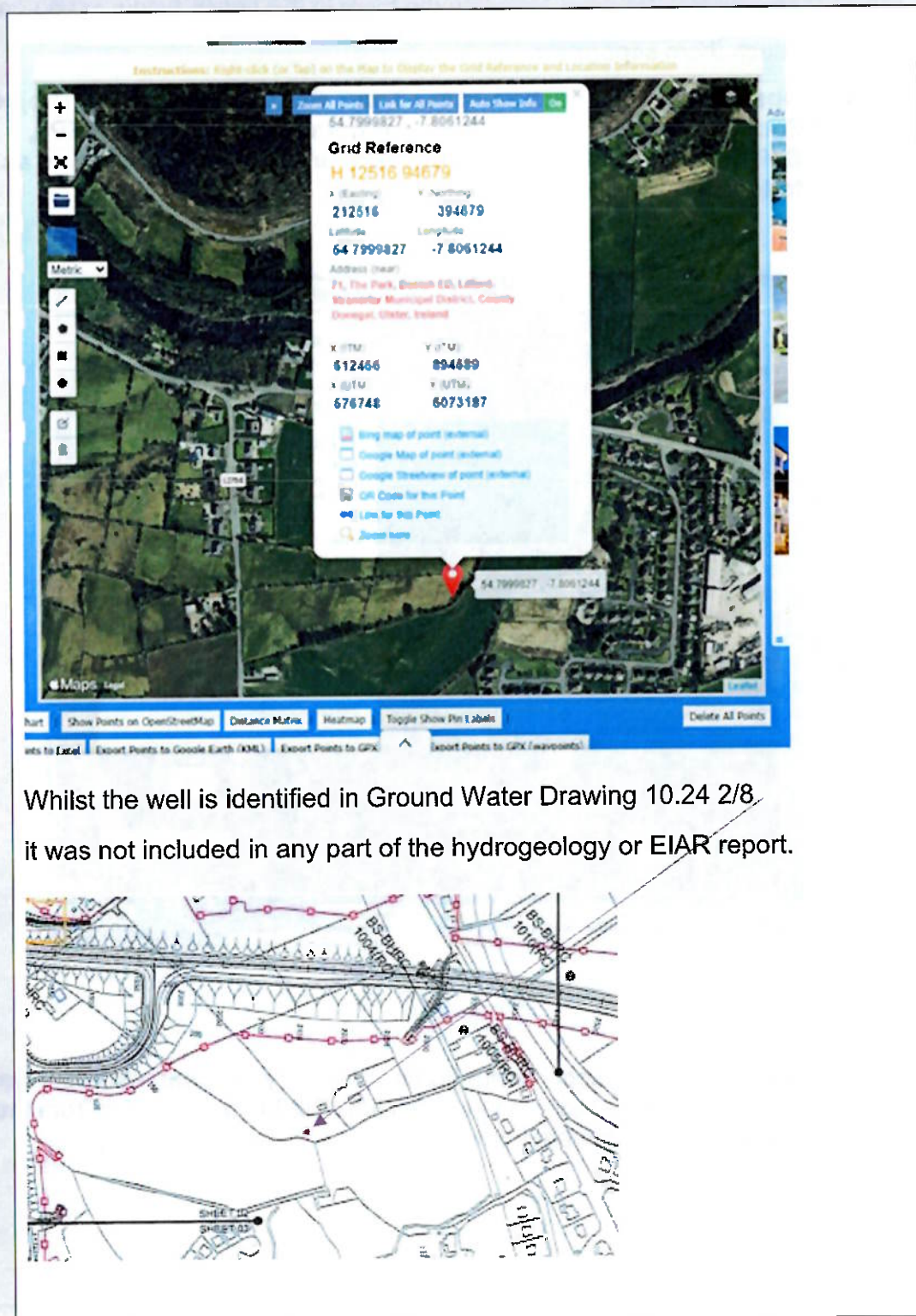
Observations on Section of the Ten T Route Improvement Project, Section 1 which directly affect our home situated at F93YHP4, Ballybofey – Grid Ref 56770/6073286 under various headings as follows:



Water

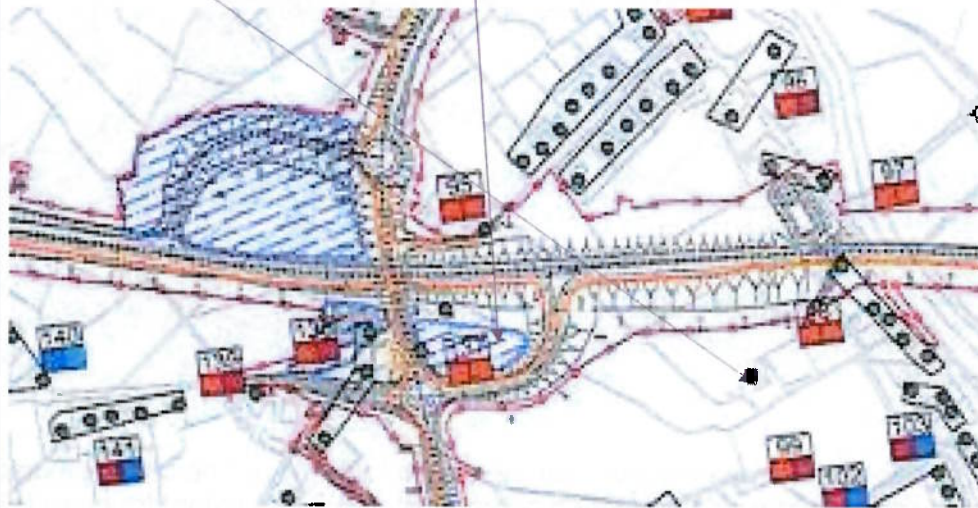
The **sole** water supply to our home is from crystal clear, excellent water quality, spring well located at 576770/6973286 approx 100m from the proposed development boundary

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We would request individual EIAR (including hydrogeological study) be carried to evaluate the risk of damage to the well – particularly considering the proposed location of the borrow pits in close proximity to the **spring well** (See Residential Impact Drawings – Section 1 – 18.13.) in advance of decision on this application.



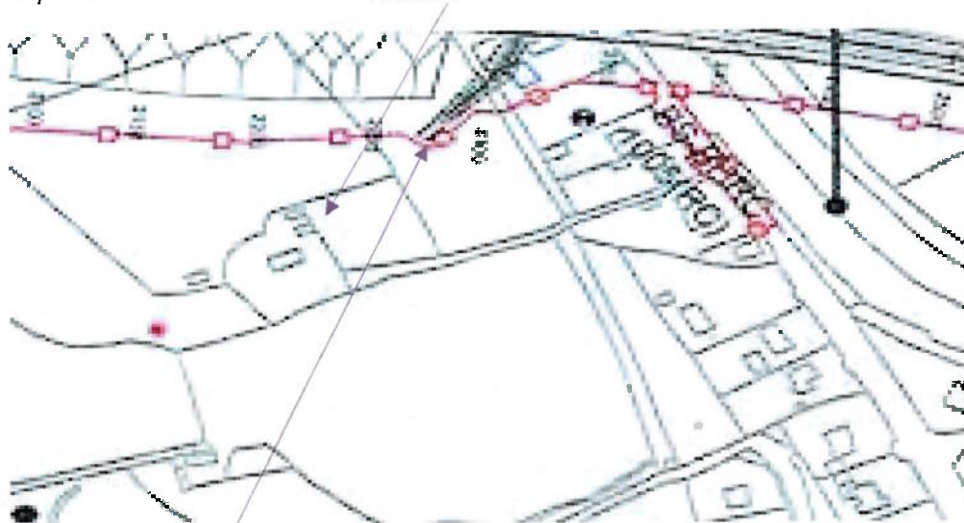
Should permission be granted, we seek assurances that the yield from the well not be impacted during construction or upon completion of the bypass into the future. The proposal to monitor the well for damage during construction is not acceptable to us. Should the veins supplying the well be affected during construction we will be left with no water supply whatsoever for a period of time, leaving our home uninhabitable and rendering us effectively homeless.

We further request confirmation as to how the project aligns to the new EU water protection directive (Directive (EU) 2026/80) for protection of Water Sources & Wells as this is not referenced in the application.

The septic tank and associated percolation area which serves our home is located within 100 meters of the proposed development boundary (57657/6073311 54.801096/ -78059497) but has not been identified in the Ground water mapping (Ground water – 10.24 2/8)

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Septic Tank & Percolation area location



We request assurances that the septic tank will not be compromised by any groundwater contamination, vibrations, soil compaction/drainage failure or structural damage caused by the proposed construction of the road or post construction into the future should permission be granted – particularly in light of the proposal to create a drainage link from the neighbouring land parcel to the attenuation pond at the roadside..

Noise &Vibration

Our home was included in the noise survey (Table 14-13) EIAR Chapter 14:

NML ID: - S1 B2

Survey type: Attended Description:

Residential property in Cappry, c. 320 m from the R252. 612115 894695

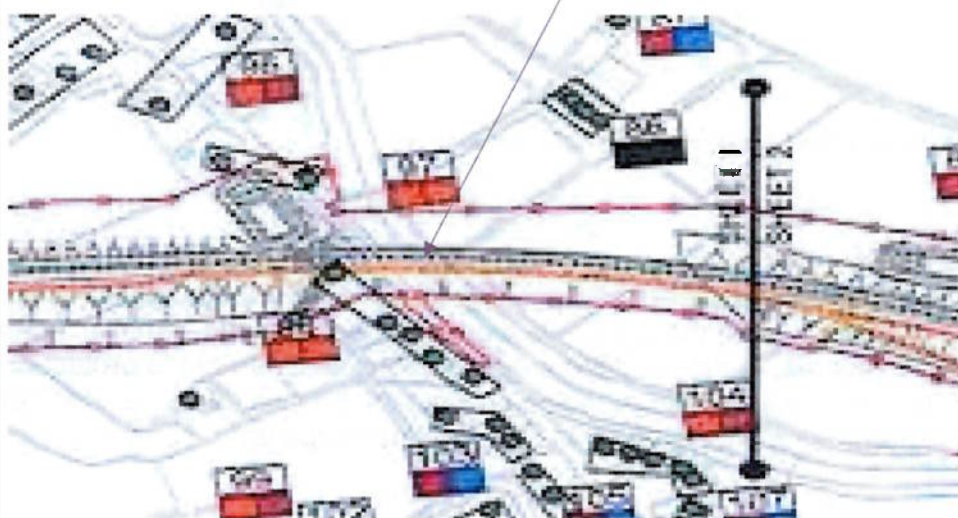
We request that maximum noise abatement measures be included should planning permission be granted for the construction of major road within 120 metres of our home – specifically the construction of soundproof

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fences, planting of mature dense foliage and root ball mature trees in proximity to our home.

Current proposals do not include the erection of any noise barriers to protect our property from increased noise.

No noise abatement measures or specialist construction measures to limit noise are detailed in the plans or accompanying reports in relation to the construction of the open span bridge across the River Finn (576793/6073474 – Lat 54.80252/Long -7.8053463). We would request that, to ensure minimum impact for all the residential properties in the close proximity to the proposed bridge, the maximum possible noise abatement measures be implemented as a condition for any grant of planning permission for to the construction of this bridge as part of the proposed development – particularly Acoustic Barriers, Surface Treatments, Structural dampening and expansion joint modifications.



Extract from Residential Impact Map Section 1 18.13

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Extract from landscape Mitigation map Section 1.1.

Air Quality

We are very concerned at the impact of air quality during and post construction of the road. We would request that any and all mitigation measures, particularly the creation of physical barriers to protect our property and the surrounding ecosystem, be included as a condition in any permission granted for this proposed development.

Light

As the proposed by-pass construction closest to our property is elevated, we are very concerned about the impact of light pollution from the road on our home.

We request that the maximum mitigation measures, including the inclusion of directional shielding, on this portion of the road and particularly on the open span bridge, be included as a condition in any permission granted for this proposed development.

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Additionally, as per extract from Residential Impact Map Section 1 18.3 (pg 7) The impact on the area beside the commencement of the bridge structure has been identified as being 'significant/profound'. The proposal to introduce planting into this area post construction is noted – however we again request that this planting consist of mature dense foliage and mature root ball trees – not seedlings/saplings or pole stage trees.

CPO Roadside on R252

The sole access to our home is by a narrow laneway off the R252 on which we have a right of way. The roadside of the dwellings adjacent to the entrance to the laneway on either side are subject to CPO (CPO Deposit Map 2).

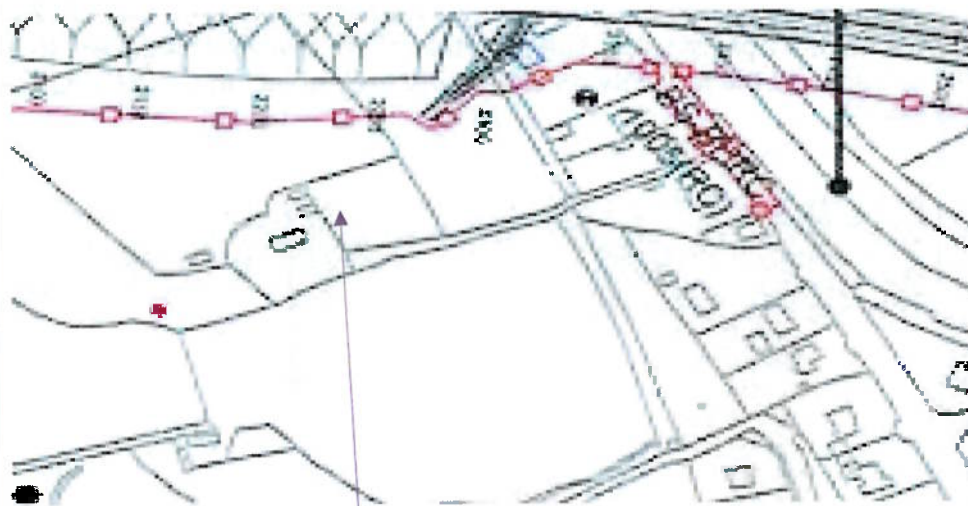


There is no CPO Reference indicated on the mapping for the entrance to the laneway. We request that any permission associated with the proposed road development should ensure that our access and right of way is preserved – particularly in light of the proposed future development of a greenway either past the bottom of our entrance or across our laneway as per bridge elevation diagram (Natural Impact Statement Drawings – 22 NIS Finn Crossing Elevations).

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Renewable Energy

We are in the process of procuring ground mounted solar panels to be installed adjacent to our home, which will be located within 100-150 meters of proposed development boundary. In the interest of future proofing this, please provide details of what mitigation measures will be taken to protect the site of the ground solar panels from the impact of soiling and dust, vibration damage or temporary or permanent shading during the construction and post construction, should the development be awarded planning.



Proposed site for ground solar panels

Finally, whilst this observation is not related to any planning laws or regulations, we would like to record the following views:-

At a time when clean water sources are one of the biggest environmental challenges the world is facing, we are incredulous at the dismissal of domestic wells as unimportant in this proposed development. Our well is an environmental asset producing crystal clear water of the highest standard. If destroyed it cannot be replaced. Any development that damages this is quite simply environmental vandalism.

It is disconcerting to say the least that the impact of this development on homes, families and communities is viewed as 'hard luck' and any proposed abatement measures for the development seem to be at the minimum permissible level.

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Cappry Townland & Village is a vibrant community of 432 people, 70% of whom are below the age of 55 (census 2022) many of whom third or fourth generation of residents. It is a community that has had the same families resident for generations (since before the foundation of the state - one in particular is first recorded in 1759). The linear rural residential development is centred on the Cappry Rovers Football Pitch and the Roadhouse Bar. The proposed development decimates this community – splitting neighbour from neighbour and family members from each other. Whilst alternative routes will be built around the proposed road development they are neither convenient nor direct.

As Ireland is one of the only, if not only, country in Europe that does not provide compensation to home owners impacted by major infrastructure developments to contribute towards funding their own mitigations against noise, light, air or water pollution, should it not be incumbent on the developers of major infrastructural projects, when planning and constructing these developments, to implement every possible abatement measure to the maximum level possible rather than in a way that only meets minimum permissible levels?

How has it come about that human beings are not entitled to the same protection as the wildlife and other environmental assets (except for domestic wells of course!) along the proposed route?

The Developers of this major infrastructural development had the opportunity to design and deliver a road of the highest possible engineering standards whilst ensuring it has the minimum impact on the environment, eco systems, heritage, culture, communities, families, individuals and homes on the land that it traverses through. They have chosen not to do this. They are offering the minimum possible abatement measures to everything and everybody left in its wake. Do better!

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct **fee** is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

This document has been awarded a Plain English mark by NALA.

Last updated: April 2019.

