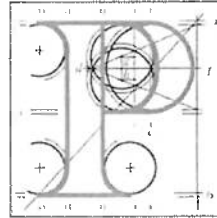


Our Case Number: ACP-324272-26



**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Aidan McGinley
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Date: 20 July 2026

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

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission 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 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.

Yours faithfully,

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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-005749

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Aidan McGinley

Lodgement Date
10/07/2026 23:38:55

Case Number / Description
324272

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Aidan McGinley

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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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

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Date

Finance Section

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

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Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

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

Date

Date

To whom it may concern,

Part 1 - The Donegal County Council let my neighbour erect a gate onto my garden in 2014, as they have a farm that they have turned into an industrial estate and wanted another exit onto the N15, the council knew that there was no exit here but let them use it for a couple of years. Then I found out that my neighbours were making council lorries and sheds with no planning permission. I informed the council and the gate was eventually removed.

Part 2 - I have a daughter with autism who is sensitive to noise, but noise and pollution came out of the industrial estate, to which half had no planning, but it still continued. My daughter to this day does not go out into the yard because of growing up around all this noise and disruption has scared her.

Part 3 - My neighbour has three entrances onto his field. He erected a fourth onto the N15 several years ago. I informed the council and they told me that he would not get out onto the N15 road. When the Greenway came along in 2023, the council dropped the kerbs at this gate to allow access onto the N15 and said that it was there seven years on Google, and yet, it was not on any maps. The owner is using it to load cattle from the greenway and N15. Cyclists have to leave the greenway path while he is loading cattle into the field from the greenway and lorries also unload on the greenway near this gate entrance. He has three entrances on his own lane but has taken cattle out of his shed which is in the field, driving out of his lane, and then loading them into the field from the N15 gate.

Part 4 - These people own the land on Barnesmore Greenway, the T.I.I and Council project, which is currently going through the process. The three routes go through their land which is a conflict of interest. I told this to both parties and they denied this. But the Barnesmore Greenway is on hold.

Part 5 - T.I.I is not applying the rules of the national road to which if there is access already, in this case there are three separate entrances, then they should not be allowed to create another entrance. T.I.I are not doing this and they kept telling me to deal with the County Council. T.I.I reminded the council to abide by the rules of the national road but won't enforce it.

Part 6 - My neighbour had opened a gate across the road 20 years ago and nothing was done about it. Before the Greenway commenced, the engineers told us that they would build a wall across the front of our houses and tar the lane. But neither of these promises came to fruition because there was no money left, so they claimed. They also told my mother, an old age pensioner who lives in the same area, that they were going to knock down her front wall and take some of her garden away for the greenway, to which she was deeply upset. I am just glad that my sister was present at the time to deny them.

Part 7 - I wrote to planning enforcement and they sent me a drawing, which was not correct in this case about my neighbour's field. When I stated the fact that the drawing was false, they

then sent me a copy which was correct. I asked them to send the correct copy to the engineer who dropped the kerbs in front of this gate onto the N15 but they didn't do that.

Part 8 - My problem is that my neighbour purposely blocked off one of his entrances with a cabin that has no planning permission but the County Council continue to ignore these facts and T.I.I have not even requested to look at photos showing the cabin and entrances that already exist on his premises. T.I.I have told me that they cannot tell the Donegal County Council what to do on the N15 and the County Council have told people one thing at the start of the Greenway project, and then went back on their word, ignoring T.I.I's national road guidelines and T.I.I is not enforcing these rules. And this only in relation to the Greenway on the N15, which has a lot of problems which have not been flagged yet.

Their priorities seem to lie with people who can do work for them or have businesses, and not the interests of all other people. How will this apply to the T10 project if they cannot abide by the rules of a simple greenway project?

Thank you for reading. I hope to hear from you.

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