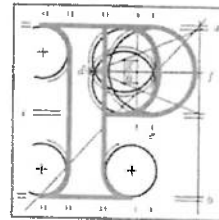


Our Case Number: ACP-324272-26



**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
The Manager
Development Applications Unit
Government Offices
Newtown Road
Co. Wexford
Y35 AP90

Date: 22 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, Kinraigy, Treantaghmucklagh, Feddyglass, Clonleugh
North, and Clonleugh 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,

Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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From: LAPS
Sent: Monday 13 July 2026 10:40
To: Eimear Reilly
Subject: FW: ACP-324272-26; Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project
Attachments: SID-DG-2026-022 Response.pdf

From: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Friday 10 July 2026 15:48
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: FW: ACP-324272-26; Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project

From: Housing Manager DAU <Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie>
Sent: Friday 10 July 2026 15:38
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Subject: ACP-324272-26; Proposed TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached heritage-related observations and recommendations of this Department for the above mentioned consultation.

I should be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of same.

Kind regards,
Colette

Colette McCormack
Executive Officer

An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
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Your Ref: ACP-324272-26

Our Ref: SID-DG-2026-022

(Please quote in all related correspondence)

10 July 2026

The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Via email to sids@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID): 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.

A chara,

I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations of the Department under the stated heading(s).

Archaeology

It is noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted as part of the planning application incorporates a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by John Cronin and Associates Ltd (EIAR Chapter 17; date March 2026). The Department notes that the EIAR has been informed by targeted Advance Archaeological Geophysical Survey and Targeted Advance Archaeological Test Excavation.

Therefore, the Department advises that the following should be included as a condition of any grant of permission. Note these recommended conditions align with Sample Conditions



C4 and C5 as set out in OPR Practice Note PN03: Planning Conditions (October 2022), with appropriate site-specific additions/adaptations based on the particular characteristics of this development and informed by the findings of the EIAR.

Archaeological Requirements:

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in Chapter 17 of the EIAR (date March 2026) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions of this Order.
2. A Project Archaeologist shall be appointed to oversee and advise on all aspects of the scheme from design, through inception to completion.
 - a. The Project Archaeologist shall liaise with the National Monuments Service (NMS) of this Department and with the Planning Authority to agree in advance an overall strategy for archaeological works to be carried out both in advance of and in parallel with construction of the development.
 - b. This shall include the scope of any Advance Archaeological Geophysical Survey, Advance Test Excavation, Advance Underwater Impact Assessment and Archaeological Monitoring, as well as any additional mitigation measures that may be required to protect archaeological heritage (including provision for preservation in situ or preservation by record).
 - c. This shall include the location, extent and method of demarcation for any Exclusion Zones around the external-most elements of vulnerable Heritage Assets that are to be preserved in situ (as identified in Chapter 17 of the EIAR or by any subsequent investigations associated with the project).
3. The Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) shall include the location of any and all archaeological or cultural heritage constraints relevant to the proposed development as set out in Chapter 17 of the EIAR (date March 2026) and by any subsequent archaeological investigations associated with the project. The CEMP shall clearly describe all identified likely archaeological impacts, both direct and indirect, and all mitigation measures to be employed to protect the archaeological or cultural heritage environment during all phases of site preparation and construction activity.
4. The planning authority and the Department shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of all archaeological monitoring and any archaeological investigative work/excavation required, following the completion of all



archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the developer.

Reason:

To ensure the continued preservation (either *in situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@npws.gov.ie, or to the following address:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Julie Sullivan', is written above a horizontal line.

Julie Sullivan
Assistant Principal
Development Applications Unit
Administration