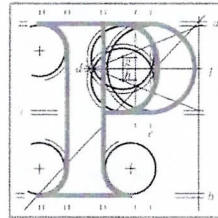


Our Case Number: ACP-324328-26



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Brian & Kathleen McEniff
Ciana
Tullan Strand Road
Bundoran
Co. Donegal
F94 RR74

Date: 07 August 2026

Re: Proposed Tullan Strand Facility Centre for Water Sports Activities and Accessible Pathway to Tullan Strand Beach
Finner, County Donegal

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it with or without modifications.

As there is no fee associated with submissions for this application type, a refund of €50 will be issued to you under separate cover.

If you have any queries in relation to the 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.

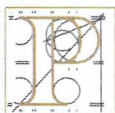
Yours faithfully,

Lauren Griffin
Executive Officer
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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-005776

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Bria Mc Eniff

Lodgement Date
19/07/2026 11:08:15

Case Number / Description
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Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Brian Mc Eniff

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

€ 50.00

Lodgement No

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Reason for Refund

No fee for this case type

Documents Returned to Observer

☐ Yes

☒ No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

☒ Yes

☐ No

Signed

Lauren Coffey

EO

Date

7/8/26

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

Case number 324328

FORMAL OBSERVATION

Proposed Accessible Beach Access Route, Boardwalk, Bridge Crossing,
Equestrian Route and Associated Emergency Access Infrastructure

Tullan Strand, Finner, Bundoran, Co. Donegal

To: An Coimisiún Pleanála / Donegal County Council

Submitted by: Brian & Kathleen Mc Eniff

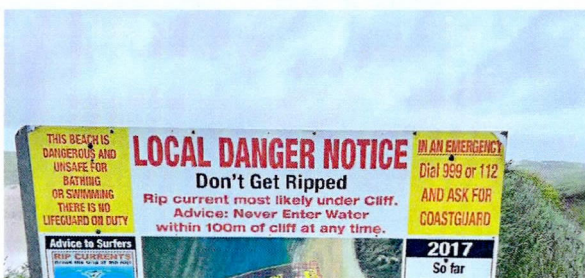
Address: Ciana
Tullan Strand Road
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Date: 18 July 2026

Introduction

Having reviewed the planning application and the accompanying environmental documentation, I wish to submit the following observation in relation to the proposed development at Tullan Strand.

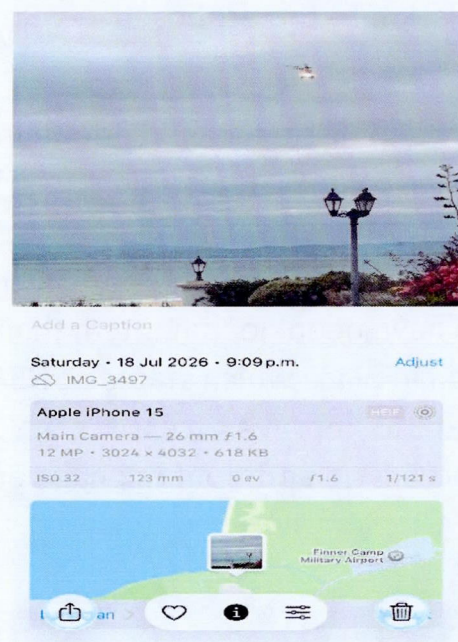
This submission should not be interpreted as opposition to improving access to Tullan Strand. Accessible public infrastructure has an important role to play but it must be with the safety of the general public in mind. Tullan Strand is a most dangerous beach where many incidences have occurred in which many but not all have been documented, these include loss of life. The county council have a sign in place which states 'UNSAFE FOR BATHING' so why would the council want to improve access for the general public to a beach which is unsafe? There is an additional signage erected on the rip current. Photo attached.



Tullan strand is not a safe swimming beach, It is for experienced surfers and walkers. Undoubtedly with increased accessibility and additional facilities more people will be encouraged to enter the water. A more sensible approach would be to upgrade the existing pathway and leave the dunes/beach from development that is not sustainable.

The County coroner Denis McCauley stated **"I will contact Donegal county council that it is a beach that it has amenity value in terms of surfing but maybe it does not have amenity value for swimming"** and Irish Water Safety have stated that the beach should be closed to swimmers due to the dangers of the current. See link attached. <https://www.donegallive.ie/news/dangers-at-donegal-strand-highlighted-at-soldiers-inquest-8374716>

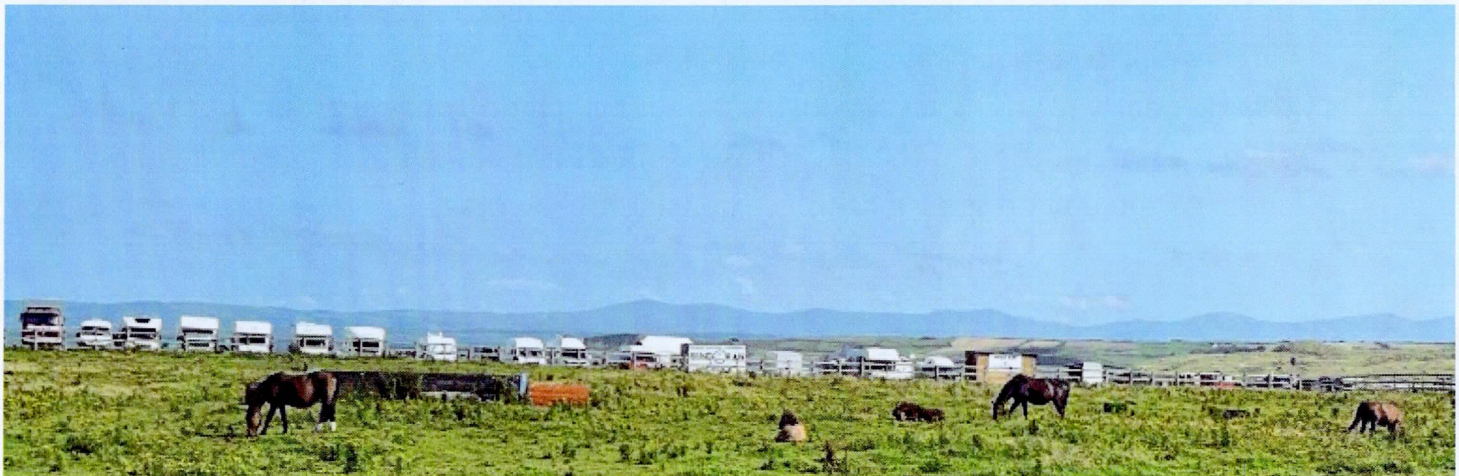
As I write this email the coast guard helicopter is currently circling around the water at Tullan Strand beach and the local lifeboat are in the water see media attached.



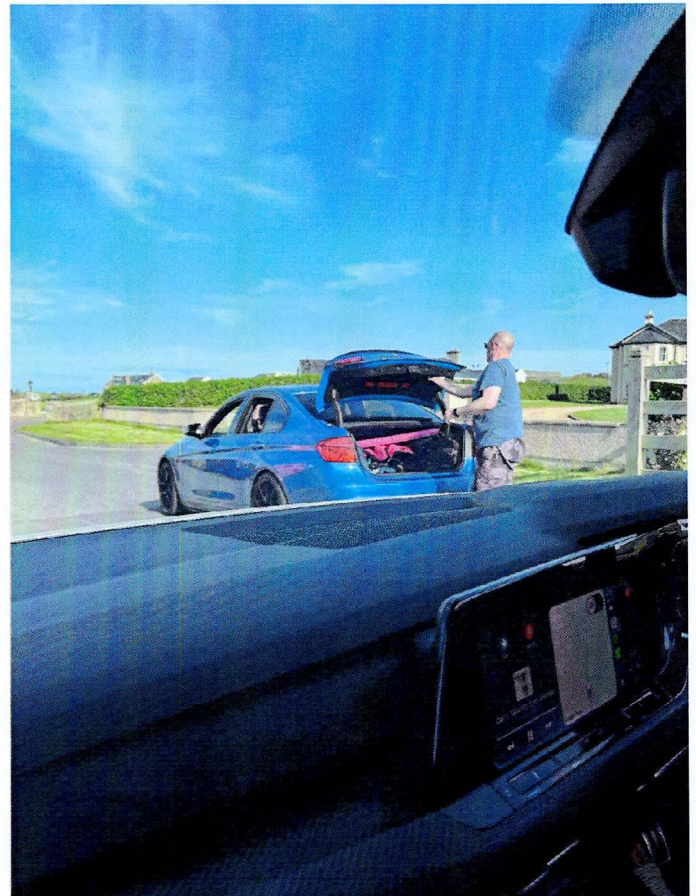
Alongside our previous points another concern we would like to raise is the lack of traffic management in the general area of the beach. We have been resident of Tullan Strand since September 1998 and in the 3 decade we have experienced constant year round incidences of inconsiderate and obstructive parking. We have been barricaded in our own residences and when we have approached drivers we have been met with abuse and aggressive behaviour. This is going to be exacerbated if the current development goes ahead. There is nothing in the plan to restrict access to our residential road which consists of a single vehicle carriageway (3 Meters). This previous Monday the 13/07/2026 this was early morning traffic obstruction in which no Traffic warden was to be seen for the duration of the day. These vehicles are parked along double yellow lines. As the day progressed this got considerably worse.



Another incident which occurs year round is overnight parking in an area which use to have signages stating no overnight parking which has since been removed and never replaced. Overnight parkers regularly leave their rubbish behind them and seagulls tear open bags and scatter it in the vicinity. If the planned facility goes ahead this will encourage more overnight parking therefore increase the volume of vehicles and exacerbating the current problem.



Natural human behaviour is to park as close to where your going which is exactly what occurs every year at Tullan Strand. If access to the beach is along the planned route this will cause serious issues for not only residents but for Emergency vehicles trying to access the beach because the road will be regularly congested by parked vehicles. Donegal county council have been seriously lacking in traffic management in the area of Tullan Strand for as long as we have lived here. Traffic has been increasing every year.



Here are a few documented incidents that have occurred down through the years on Tullan Strand. There are many rescues by local surfers that remain undocumented.

<https://www.ireland-live.ie/north-west/donegal-live/surfer-in-dramatic-rescue-of-two-people-who-got-into-difficulty-off-tullan-strand-7733995>

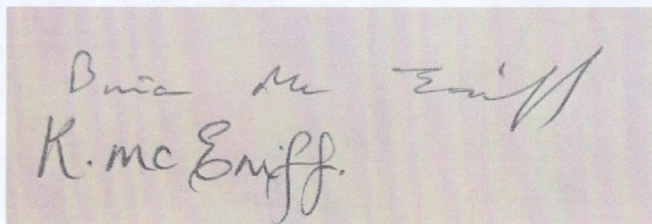
<https://rnli.org/news-and-media/2017/july/15/bundoran-rnli-issue-safety-advice-on-rip-currents-after-tullan-strand-incident>

<https://www.oceanfm.ie/news/surfers-who-saved-teenagers-on-tullan-strand-to-be-honoured-for-bravery-242443>

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-20073776.html>

In conclusion we do not think that increased access is advisable because one life is more important than a well facilitated day at the beach.

Signed:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'K. McEniff'. There is a large, stylized flourish to the right of the name.

Date 18/07/2026