



An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1
D01 V902

Re: Planning Application for proposed Flood Relief Schemes at Burnfoot Co Donegal.

A Dhuine Uasail,

Donegal County Council (on its own behalf and on behalf of the Office of Public Works) hereby submits a planning application for approval under Section 175 and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended for proposed development works namely the Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme located in the townlands of Ballyederowen, Carnashannagh, Monreagh (aka Barr of Kilmacilvenny), and Inch Level.

Summary of proposed works

The proposed development seeks to deliver works in Burnfoot to mitigate the flood risk during a 0.5% AEP (1 in 200 year) flood event. Full details of all elements of the scheme can be found in the accompanying documents including the EIAR and NIS.

In summary though, engineered defences in the form of embankments and walls will be provided in the town to prevent flood flows reaching properties. Conveyance improvements, including a new road bridge for the R238 will also low water levels through the town and the removal of embankment downstream of the town will reconnect the existing floodplain with the river.

The scheme is of local and regional importance and urgently required. Locally, it will mitigate flood risk to forty-one no. homes and eight no. businesses that are at risk of fluvial flooding. Regionally, the R238 is the main connection between Buncrana and both Letterkenny and Derry City making it of crucial importance to the Northwest City Zone.

Planning Submission

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been prepared in accordance with Section 175 (Part X) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has also been prepared in accordance with Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

The documents accompanying this planning application include:

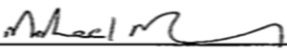
- Planning Application Fee of €30,000

- Site Notice and Newspaper Notice
- Planning Statement and endorsement by Senior Planner;
- Planning Application Drawings;
- Environmental Impact Assessment screening determination;
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report;
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and determination;
- Preliminary Construction Environmental Management Plan;
- Natura Impact Statement;
- A list of Prescribed Bodies notified and copy of Notification Letter;
- Donegal County Council Chief Executive Order;
- EIA Portal Confirmation; and,
- One hard copy and two electronic copies of all documents and drawings listed above.

A Compulsory Purchase Order, to which the proposed development relates, will be made by Donegal County Council and will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála under separate cover.

We trust this planning application is in order and look forward to receipt of acknowledgement at your earliest convenience. We await your decision in due course, however in the meantime, should you have any queries regarding the planning application or documents provided, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

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Michael McGarvey
Director of Service
Donegal County Council

Date: 20th May 2026

