



Niall Moore
25 Grianan Park
Ballyderowen
Burnfoot
Co. Donegal
F93C1Y6

Date: 10 August 2026

Re: Proposed Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme
in the townlands of Ballyederowen, Carnashannagh, Monreagh (aka Barr of Kilmacilvenny), and
Inch Level at Burnfoot, 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 submission fee of €50 does not apply to owners/lessees/occupiers on whom notice has been served in relation to the compulsory purchase order associated with this application. As such, a refund for the fee that you have paid will issue under sperate cover in due course.

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

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please do not hesitate to 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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Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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Dear Sir/Madam,

my name is Niall
Moose, I live at 25 Grianan Park with
my wife and 2 daughters. I wish to
submit a planning objection as regards
the proposed flood relief works to the
rear of our property, on my land
and just beyond it. The trees and
dense greenery that is to be
removed as part of these works has
provided privacy for us at the
rear of our home for 19 years. It was
one of the primary reasons we bought
the house. Removal of these trees
etc. will leave us utterly exposed.
The people at the shops and bar
in the village will be able to see
right into our garden.

My wife is a child minder and
treasures the privacy the trees provide
for all the children in her care. These
children feed the birds daily, know
all the different types of birds that
live in the trees and often sit in
the garden to watch them and
draw them. The proposed works will
be a huge disruption to her

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business. A key feature that my wife can provide to the parents is a safe, private and enclosed play area for their children, she will no longer be able to offer this. It will undoubtedly have an impact on her business going forward. Noise pollution will be a problem for children sleeping during the day with the proximity of the road to our garden, the children will now be close to heavy plant traffic.

I estimate there will be approximately 12 trees to be felled. All of them are taller than our house. Our house is potentially a MICA build, a lot in our estate are, the removal of this crucial natural cover could be drastic to structure of our home in the oncoming years. It will be wide open to the elements. The removal of these trees will undoubtedly affect my mental health which I have suffered with in recent years. My back garden is my safe place where I can sit and read and simply listen to the birds.

We all use our garden daily, in all weather, we'll no longer feel safe there as we will be totally exposed. This situation is causing a lot of stress and anxiety in our home.

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Why not build the access road on into the huge field a bit thus removing the need to fell all the beautiful old trees?

All documentation I received does not clearly explain why my land is essential for this scheme or why less intrusive alternatives have not been considered. Moving the road on into the field is surely a reasonable alternative.

A huge reason for my objection is these works and the road to the rear of my home will significantly reduce the market value of my property.

The mature trees and hedgerows provide important habitat for birds, bats, pollinators, and lots of other wildlife. Have adequate ecological surveys been carried out? Surveys for protected species like bats and birds? These mature trees cannot simply be replaced by newly planted saplings, as they take a lifetime to develop the same ecological value. In our trees we have seen; robins, collared doves, song thrush, blue tit, grey tit, chaffinch, bats and sparrows to name a few. The hedgerows provide roosting and act as important feeding routes.

Given the importance of biodiversity

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I believe the environmental impacts of removing these habitats requires an alternative, an alternative like I have mentioned earlier: Why not move the road on into the huge empty field a bit thus removing the need to uproot all this greenery and trees?

To conclude I fully understand the need for flood defences in our area but there is absolutely no need whatsoever for the access road for these works to be built right on my back doorstep when there is a huge field to work with. All we want is to retain our privacy and protect the wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

Niall Moore

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Donegal County Council

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED
NOTICE PURSUANT TO:

Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and for the purposes of Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Donegal County Council give notice of their intention to make an application seeking approval from An Coimisiún Pleanála for the following proposed development:

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF WORKS

The proposed development will consist of flood relief works along and adjacent to the Burnfoot River in the townlands of Inch Level (ED Fahan), Inch Level (Part of) Speenogue, Ballyderowen, Monreagh or Barr of Kilmackilvenny and Carnshannagh, in the administrative area of Donegal County Council.

The proposed flood relief works will consist of:

1. Hard defences along / adjacent to the Burnfoot River with an average defence height of 1.1m above ground level:
 - a. 35m reinforced concrete wall with foundations to accommodate future climate change flood scenarios
 - b. 395m piled walls and
 - c. 630m of embankment
2. 315m of embankment, tying into raised laneways, around three properties to the south of the village near Slab Road (R239) with an average height of 0.70m.
3. 120m of embankment with an average height of 0.8m around the existing sewerage treatment works to the west of Grianan Park.
4. The R238 bridge replaced with a new single span bridge and road layout amended to tie into the existing roads, designed to DIMURS standard.
5. 38m of reinforced concrete walls with foundations to accommodate future climate change flood scenarios on the Carnshannagh Stream, with a replacement shed to accommodate the construction.
6. Upgrade of lower culvert on the Carnshannagh Stream to a box culvert (1.2m height x 2.4m width), sized for future climate change flood flows, under Brae Road extending beyond the proposed embankment, with new headwall structures and debris screens as required.
7. Upgrade of upper culvert (box culvert of 1.2m height x 2.4m width), on the Carnshannagh Stream, sized for future climate change flood flows. To include new headwall structures and debris screens as required.
8. Surface water measures (road reprofiling / cambering, additional gullies and swale to discharge to watercourse) at:
 - a. R239/Fairview Manor
 - b. L1881 Brae Road / Monreagh Park.
9. The first 183m of the Burnfoot/Skeoge Arterial Drainage Scheme embankment, downstream of Burnfoot, removed to provide short term storage on a recurring basis to reduce flood levels in the town centre by reconnecting the existing floodplain.
10. 345m of embankment removed from the right bank of the Skeoge as well as localised drainage amendments as required, to reconnect the existing floodplain.
11. 145m of embankment removed from the right-hand bank of the Burnfoot River 168m upstream of the R238 bridge.
12. Existing land on the right-hand bank of the Burnfoot River upstream of the R238 bridge, to be utilised for construction and safeguarding of existing floodplain within the settlement framework, will be landscaped.
13. Land take to facilitate future operation and maintenance of flood embankments, including for embankment top ups and/or access to complete the same as well as general maintenance e.g. grass cutting and ad hoc repairs as necessary. Access to complete this work will be required on the defended side of embankments which are on benefiting lands, at the embankment on the left-hand bank immediately upstream of the bridge and at the embankment on the right-hand bank downstream of the bridge.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The application documents, including the EIAR and the NIS, may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks on the 5th of June 2026 at the following locations:

1. Donegal County Council Offices, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal & Carndonagh PSC, Malin Road, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal between the hours of 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on working days from 5th of June 2026 to 24th of July 2026 (inclusive).
2. The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours of 9.15 am to 5.30 pm on working days from 5th of June 2026 to 24th of July 2026 (inclusive).
3. An electronic copy of the plans and particulars, the NIS and EIAR may also be viewed and downloaded from the following website:
<https://countydonegalfrs.ie/burnfootfrs/>.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("The Commission") of 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned;
- ii. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and
- iii. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on any European site, if carried out.

Submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except in the case of certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Commission no later than 5.30 pm on the 24th of July 2026. Such submissions or observations can be made through the An Coimisiún Pleanála website <http://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations> and must also include the following information:

- a. the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observation, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
- b. the subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- c. the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is or are based.

The Commission may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions and/or restrictions or may refuse the application for development.

A person may question the validity of a decision of the Commission by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I No.15 of 1986, as amended) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'Legal Notices - Judicial Review Notice' on the Commission's website (www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website (www.citizensinformation.ie).

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Telephone: 01 858 8100).

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.

Date of publication of notice:
2nd June 2026.

Signed:

Director of Service, Donegal County Council.