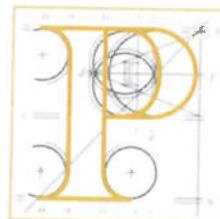


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Orla Gallagher
24 Grianan Park
Ballydrowen
Burnfoot
Co. Donegal
F93Y0A5

Date: 05 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,

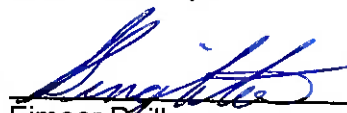
An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please note that the submission fee of €50 does not apply to owners/lessees/occupiers on whom notice has been served 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,


Eimear Reilly
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Folio NO: DL505484F
Map drawing NO: IBE2204_Bt_LO_235

An Coimisun Pleanála (The Commission)
64 Marlborough Street,
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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to you in relation to recent correspondences that I have received from Donegal County Council in relation to the Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme, Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) 2026. Folio NO: DL505484F. Map drawing NO: IBE2204_Bt_LO_235 showing the location on my land. I am writing to express my objections, and disaffection of the proposed scheme, CPO and reasons herein. My neighbours have stated the case number to be FA05E 324412, I cannot find this on my documentation, and however I am including this in case it may be helpful to you.

My name is Orla Gallagher (Mc Laughlin – maiden name), I own 24 Grianan Park, Burnfoot, Co. Donegal, F93 Y0A5. I am married and I have three young children. I have owned this property for over 19 years. I am submitting a CPO objection through this letter, for the proposed purchase of the land to the rear of my house. I am from Burnfoot and my family come from this area, so I have grown up here, and I know the surrounding area extremely well. I am now 46 years old.

There is dense foliage, greenery and trees to the back of my house and my neighbours' houses. There is one very large tree, offering me privacy in the upstairs bedrooms, with approximately 10 or so other trees proposed for felling along the back area, which will affect the view and shelter my house is afforded from them. When I first purchased the property, the privacy aspect, was the primary reason for doing so. If these are removed the house will be exposed to view, from the Buncrana to main Derry/ Letterkenny road, including the Muff junction at the cottages. The petrol station is also in close proximity, with a flow of busy traffic and potential ongoing viewers looking in on to my house and my neighbours. So I am sure, if you look at this from my point of view, you will find this proposal shocking.

If the proposal goes ahead, I will no longer have a private garden, where, my children can play safely away from public view and away from heavy plant traffic. This is concerning. There will be an additional increase in noise levels, too.

I have a lengthy MICA report completed on my house; it confirms my house has MICA. The report itself cost well over six thousand euro to complete, and I am happy to provide a copy to The Commission via email, if asked to do so. This is significant, as the house is protected from the weather elements to a fair extent by the trees, especially from the recent extreme weather. There is no question that my house will further deteriorate, at a faster rate if the foliage, trees (sheltering) and natural drainage system is removed. The increased water storage in the ground and rain hitting

the house will increase the water within the house bricks. Not to mention potential exasperated cracking, if this water freezes, during winter. This is highly likely.

The proposal is causing my family worry, stress and anxiety. I am aware that my neighbours are feeling the same stress also. The garden for most households throughout Ireland is a place of sanctuary to relax and refresh, to check in with our mental health. I am no different.

There is an abundance of wildlife, birds, and this area links into Inch Wildfowl Reserve via Farland Park. There is a guide to the birds of Inch Wildfowl Reserve published by The Department of Arts and Heritage that shows the diversity of birds alone in the area, included visitors to these wetlands include Sandwich Terns, Lapwings, Whooper Swans, Grey Herons, Swifts, Greylag Geese and within this guide there is a section to helping encourage the wildlife to stay in the area, helping birds at home and at school. This guide is for birds only, but there is obviously I am sure many other species of fauna, and insects that visit the area, frogs (houses along a Burren) foxes, bats (protected species) etc. Has an ecological surveys been carried out in regards to the impact this road or works, would have? There is mention in the accompanying letters form DCC about replacing the trees, however replacing mature developed trees and foliage with saplings makes no sense at all. There should be importance placed, on the biodiversity of this area, and it should be kept for all.

I do not know exactly what is proposed for the field or land behind my house, some sort of road access, or works, I am not clear. I would like to know. My neighbours would like to know.

A suggestion, in order that I could keep my privacy, is that the proposed road or other, access way, be built going into the very large field which is adjacent to this land. None of the paper work explains as to why my land is imperative, to this scheme, and I think it is not. This would surely be a more accessible solution for all.

The market value of my house will be severely impacted. The privacy, drainage aspect, weather erosions, and garden freedom for my children to play, will all be impacted, never mind the disruption during construction.

In conclusion I am extremely disappointed that the council thought this was the best option for all. I think if the situation, predicament here is given more thought perhaps, alternative solution(s) and an agreement for all could be achieved.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Orla Gallagher (Mc Laughlin- maiden name)

Mrs. Orla Gallagher. (Mc Laughlin).

*Please find enclosed €50 Postal Money Order .
No 38 6175 99 0205 00000000 09.*