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CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin,
D01V902.

26th June 2026

Pre-Application Ref: ACP-323831-25

RE: Application under Section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) for approval of the West Clare Railway Greenway Section 1: Kilrush to Kilkee Project

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Clare County Council is submitting the enclosed Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement for the West Clare Railway Greenway Section 1: Kilrush to Kilkee Project to An Coimisiún Pleanála and are hereby applying for approval under Section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) for the purposes of construction and operation of the West Clare Railway Greenway Section 1: Kilrush to Kilkee Project.

The West Clare Railway Greenway Section 1: Kilrush to Kilkee project consists of a pedestrian and cycle route and associated ancillary and consequential works over approx. 15.2km and affecting a total land area of approx. 27.3ha between the towns of Kilrush to the east and Kilkee to the west via the village of Moyasta. The proposed road development will be constructed within the townlands of Kilrush, Leadmore West, Carrowncalla South, Carrowncalla North, Moyasta, Baunmore, Gaurraun, Lisdeen and Dough across the five Electoral Divisions (ED) of Kilrush Urban, Kilrush Rural, Einagh, Kilfearagh and Kilkee. It will generally follow the route of the former West Clare Railway repurposing the former railway infrastructure, diverting around property boundaries in certain instances. Trailheads with car parking and ancillary facilities will be provided at Kilrush and Moyasta. Boundary fencing and screening will be provided along the route.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared and compiled pursuant to section 50 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) in respect of the proposed road development. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has also been prepared in respect of the proposed road development under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive.

The following documents are enclosed in support of the above approval request:

Daoine agus Cultúr, Seirbhísí Corparáideacha agus Rialachas,
TFC agus Seirbhísí Digiteacha
Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2

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- The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (including all Appendices and Figures) dated June 2026 (1 x hard copy and 1 x electronic copy on enclosed USB Flash Drive) comprising:
 - Volume 1 – Non Technical Summary
 - Volume 2 – Main Text
 - Volume 3 – Figures
 - Volume 4A – Appendices
 - Volume 4B – Photomontages;
- The Natura Impact Statement (including all Appendices and Figures) dated June 2026 (1 x hard copy and 1 x electronic copy on enclosed USB Flash Drive);
- Confirmation notice issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the 26th of June 2026 confirming that the required information has been entered onto the EIA Portal, EIA Portal ID no. 2026106 (1 x hard copy and 1 x electronic copy on enclosed USB Flash Drive); and
- Newspaper Notice to be published pursuant to section 51(3)(a) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) in the Clare Champion (1 x hard copy and 1 x electronic copy).

Clare County Council will follow up in due course with submission of the following:

- All notices to be served on prescribed bodies (1 x hard copy and 1 x electronic copy).

Clare County Council can confirm that the application fee of €60,000 has been paid by Electronic Funds Transfer to the An Coimisiún Pleanála and notification has been sent to finance@pleanala.ie and wishes to advise An Coimisiún Pleanála that a related compulsory purchase order namely 'Clare County Council (West Clare Railway Greenway Section 1: Kilrush to Kilkee) Compulsory Purchase Order, 2026' will be lodged in the next number of days and that Clare County Council will be seeking a fee waiver in relation to that CPO.

Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed documentation, please contact:

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