

Top award for Newmarket EUROSPAR



Kate Sikorska of Furey Smyth's EUROSPAR in Newmarket-on-Fergus with Des Smyth, Head of EUROSPAR Sales.

FUREY Smyth's EUROSPAR Newmarket-on-Fergus has recently been recognised with a prestigious award celebrating their outstanding commitment to community-focused retailing in Clare.

The EUROSPAR Customer First Programme is a benchmark for operational excellence across the

retail sector, and Furey Smyth's EUROSPAR Newmarket-on-Fergus is proud to be named a 2026 recipient.

"EUROSPAR Retailers consistently strive for excellence in every aspect of the service they provide to their customers and the communities they serve," said Peter Dwan, EUROSPAR Sales Director.

demonstrates their leadership in the retail industry and their dedication to exceeding customer expectations.

"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to them on this well-deserved recognition."

EUROSPAR Retailers and colleagues from across Ireland recently gathered to celebrate their achievements at the Kil-

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FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(3)(A) OF THE ROADS ACT, 1993 (AS AMENDED) IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIAR) AND NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS)

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

WEST CLARE RAILWAY GREENWAY – SECTION 1: KILRUSH TO KILKEE

1. Clare County Council ("the road authority") has applied under section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Commission") for approval in relation to a proposed road development titled as above and consisting 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 location of the proposed road development is illustrated in the accompanying map.
Clare County Council has submitted to the Commission an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) prepared 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 and has been submitted to the Commission in respect of the proposed road development under Park XAB of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the purposes of Article 6[3] of the Habitats Directive.
2. The application documents including a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Natural Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected at:
 - a. The offices of Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Lifford, Ennis, County Clare, V95 DXP2
 - b. Kilrush Library, O'Gorman Street, Kilrush, County Clare, V15 W577
 - c. Sweeney Memorial Library, Cultúrlann Sweeney, O'Connell Street, Kilkee, County Clare, V15 P960
 - d. The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902on working days during normal opening hours at each venue between Friday 3rd July 2026 and Friday 21st August 2026.
3. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (or part(s) thereof) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be purchased from Clare County Council at Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Lifford, Ennis, County Clare, V95 DXP2, on payment of a fee of:

EIAR Volume 1 Non-Technical Summary €15

EIAR Volume 2 Main Text €150

EIAR Volume 3 EIAR Figures €200

EIAR Volume 4 EIAR Appendices €150

Natura Impact Statement (NIS) €90

during the period and times specified at paragraph 2 above. The application documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Natural Impact Statement (NIS) may also be inspected at www.westclarerailwaygreenway.ie and may also be viewed from the following website at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/home>.

for operational excellence across the EUROSPAR network. These awards are among the most respected in the grocery

said Peter Dwan, EUROSPAR Sales Director. "Meeting the high standards of the Customer First Programme

recently gathered to celebrate their achievements at the Killahee Hotel in Naas, County Kildare.

MORE IN THE LOCKER



Micheál McCarthy and Jamie Fitzgibbon, both Clare County Council Leisure Complex, Ennis, with Michael Troy and Luca Clune pictured at the two new sports lockers at Tim Smythe Park, Ennis.

Free sports equipment at two Ennis sport sites

CLARE County Council has installed state-of-the-art sports lockers at both Tim Smythe Park and John O'Sullivan Park, Lees Road, Ennis which will allow members of the public to access a variety of sports equipment for free.

The project has been delivered by Clare County Council in partnership with Clare Local Sports Partnership (CLSP) to increase participation in different sports at these public parks by making equipment accessible to all.

Sports enthusiasts who enjoy playing sports like soccer, tag rugby, petanque and basketball can avail of two lockers full of sports equipment at Tim Smythe Park, and a third locker at Lees Road. Members of the public can borrow and return sports equipment via an app linked to the locker which is free of charge. Participants will be invited to

scan a QR code on the front of the locker, and then follow the instructions to avail of this innovative sports equipment borrowing system.

The lockers are the first of their kind to be provided in Co Clare, while it is the first time that distributors Playmade have provided such sports lockers in Ireland.

"This is a fantastic initiative for the public. It's essentially like having a free sports equipment library right in our parks, where people can easily borrow and return items as they need them," said the Senior Executive Officer for Killaloe Municipal District and Sport and Recreation, Eoin Troy.

"By making equipment like basketballs, footballs and rugby balls readily available, we're opening up opportunities for people of all ages to get active,

try something new and enjoy our outdoor spaces. It's all about accessibility, inclusion and making it easier for everyone – both young and old – to take part in physical activity in a simple, fun way."

Director of Service for Tourism, Recreation, Libraries and Cultural Services, Clare County Council, Siobhán McNulty, said the lockers will be a great benefit for Clare people.

"The provision of these sports lockers at both Tim Smythe Park and John O'Sullivan Park, Lees Road highlights our continuing commitment to increasing participation in sport by helping to improve accessibility to sports equipment for use at these local amenities," she said.

The cost of the lockers has been provided via Participation Nation Funding through the CLSP.

from the following website at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/home>.

- The Commission may, in relation to an application for approval under section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), by order, approve the proposed road development, with or without modifications and subject to environmental conditions and/or restrictions (including conditions regarding monitoring measures, parameters to be monitored and the duration of monitoring) it considers appropriate, or may refuse to approve such development.
- Submissions may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in relation to:
 - the likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development;
 - the implications of the proposed road development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed road development; and
 - the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on European sites,

between **Friday 3rd July and not later than 5.30pm on Friday 21st August 2026.**

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50. This fee will not apply to certain prescribed bodies, including those specified in section 51(3)(b) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), or to property owners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in which they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case. Further information in this regard may be obtained from An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.

A person may question the validity of any decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála on a proposed road development by way of an application for judicial review under the Rules of the Superior Courts (and in particular Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts contained in S.I. No. 15 of 1986 as amended) and in accordance with Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). Further information can be obtained from An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of the judicial review procedure and information can also be accessed on An Coimisiún Pleanála website: <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/judicial-review-notice>.

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

Dated the 3rd July 2026.

**John Corry, Senior Executive Officer,
Clare County Council.**

