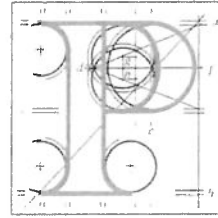


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Coimisiún
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Inland Fisheries Ireland
c/o Kenneth Reid
Ashbourne Business Park
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Co. Limerick
V94 NPEO

Date: 31 July 2026

Re: Proposed West Clare Railway Greenway Section 1: Kilrush to Kilkee Project
Kilrush to Kilkee via Moyasta, Co. Clare

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

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

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please 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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Dear SIDS office,

Please find attached Inland Fisheries Ireland's submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála in relation to the above proposed development.

Kind Regards,

Kenneth Reid

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Case Reference: 324410

Date: 27-07-2026

RE: 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.

Dear Sir/Madam

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), established under the Inland Fisheries Act 2010, has statutory responsibility for the protection, management and conservation of inland fisheries and associated aquatic habitats.

In response to the above application, IFI has the following comments to make:

The Shannon Estuary and its tributaries support important fisheries resources, including migratory salmonids, eel populations and a range of estuarine and marine species. The objectives of the Water Framework Directive require the protection of existing water quality and the prevention of deterioration in ecological status. It is essential that all aspects of the

proposed development are designed, constructed and operated to avoid adverse impacts on receiving waterbodies.

The EIAR and Hydrology documents acknowledge the presence of modified drainage channels, field drains and minor watercourses that the proposed greenway route will cross but are not identified on EPA mapping datasets. These drainage features remain hydrologically connected to downstream receiving waters within the wider catchment and therefore maintain the potential to transport sediment and pollutants to fisheries-sensitive waters. IFI considers that all modified drainage channels and unmapped watercourses should be subject to the same environmental protection measures, mitigation requirements and regulatory controls as mapped watercourses throughout all phases of the proposed development.

IFI should be consulted at detailed design stage regarding all proposed watercourse crossings, drainage infrastructure and any modifications to existing aquatic features.

Aquatic buffer zones shall be established and clearly defined in advance of construction works. Existing riparian vegetation shall be retained and protected throughout the development and construction machinery shall not enter aquatic buffer zones except where necessary for approved crossing works.

Should instream works be required, such works shall only take place between 1 July and 30 September and during periods of low flow unless otherwise agreed with IFI.

Given that the proposed greenway is intended to serve the local community and visitors alike for many years to come, it is important that the design not only mitigates against sources of pollution during the construction phase but also contributes to the long-term protection and enhancement of all watercourses, drainage channels and field drains.



Iascach Inlre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland

All works should be carried out as per Guidelines:

IFI's guideline documents on the protection of fisheries during construction work in and around waters. [Guidelines on protection of fisheries during construction works in and adjacent to waters | Inland Fisheries Ireland](#)

IFI's guidelines documents on Guidance for Urban watercourses. [Guidance for Urban watercourses | Inland Fisheries Ireland](#)

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Reid

Fisheries Environmental Officer

Inland Fisheries Ireland- Limerick