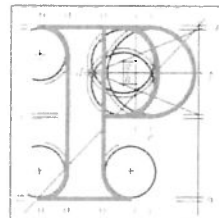


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Your Reference: John Roche



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Date: 07 September 2026

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

Dear Sir / Madam,

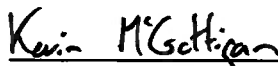
An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

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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**COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND
CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL (WEST CLARE RAILWAY
GREENWAY SECTION 1: KILRUSH TO KILKEE)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 2026**

Objections on behalf of;

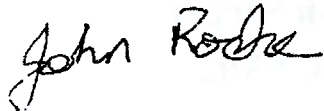
**JOHN ROCHE,
GARRAUN, LISDEEN,
KILKEE,
CO. CLARE**

**CPO PLOTS 153, 203 & 209
(Objector)**

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31 JUL 2026	
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**Prepared by
FBA CONSULTANTS
FERMOY,
CO. CORK
29TH JULY 2026**

The Objector hereby authorises FBA Consultants to raise objections to the compulsory acquisition of land - **COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL (WEST CLARE RAILWAY GREENWAY SECTION 1: KILRUSH TO KILKEE) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 2026**, on his behalf to An Coimisiún Pleanála,



John Roche

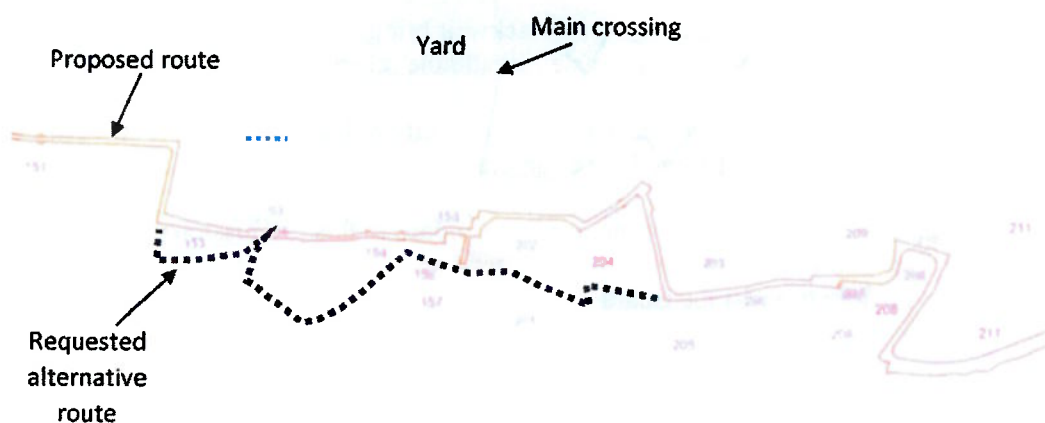
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Objections to the CPO

1. Route of scheme.

The Objector is a commercial dairy farmer and objects to the proposed route of the scheme insofar as it traverses his holding and gives rise to unnecessary interference with the operation of his grazing platform at a number of locations. He requests that the Greenway be realigned to follow the bank of the estuary/river, consistent with the route adopted further east of his holding. In the Objector's opinion, this alternative route would substantially reduce the impact of the scheme on the efficient operation, productivity and long-term viability of his dairy enterprise while continuing to achieve the objectives of the project. The Objector respectfully submits that, where a feasible alternative route is identified that materially reduces the impact on an established commercial farming enterprise without compromising the objectives of the scheme, that alternative should be preferred.

Fig 1 Requested alternative route.



The Objector has raised this matter with representatives of the project team and was informed that, should the requested alternative route be adopted, he would be responsible for the future maintenance of the associated embankment. It appears that this cannot be a legitimate condition as the scheme is all subject to a compulsory acquisition and therefore the maintenance should be the responsibility of the acquiring authority.

The adoption of the requested alternative route would remove the need for the four proposed crossings at the objectors holding. It is also a more scenic route.

The Objector considers that this alternative route would not give rise to any greater environmental effects than the route currently proposed.

2. The Objector is concerned about the impact of the proposed scheme on the land drainage system on his land and his neighbours land both running to a sluice gate on the Objector's land.
3. Should the scheme proceed as proposed, the Objector will require an agricultural underpass to provide access to the severed lands located at the south-western extremity of his holding otherwise it will no longer be practical for these lands to form part of the grazing platform. He will also need an extension to his farm passageway to access leased land.
4. The local road approaching Blackweir Bridge will become a principal access point for the Greenway and, as a consequence, will experience a significant increase in pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular traffic. This same local road bisects the Objector's grazing platform, with the principal livestock and machinery crossing located adjacent to the farmyard. The resulting increase in traffic will materially increase the risk to public safety, farm staff, livestock and road users. It will also give rise to heightened biosecurity risks associated with increased public access in close proximity to the dairy enterprise. To mitigate these impacts and to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the farm, the Objector will require an agricultural underpass at this crossing point, thereby eliminating the need for livestock and agricultural machinery to cross the public road.
5. The Objector's land closest to Blackweir bridge has road frontage and site potential. This potential will be eliminated should the scheme proceed as proposed.
6. The Objector is concerned about the security of his farm yard. He will require a security gate and surveillance cameras.
7. The Objector considers that the issues raised in this submission warrant examination at an Oral Hearing. He is willing to attend and give evidence and / or to be represented, in order to assist the Board in its consideration of these matters..