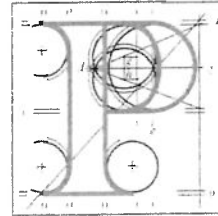


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Noel Purtill & Brid Purtill
Moyasta
Kilrush
Co. Clare
V15 T674

Date: 08 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,


Kevin McGettigan
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**RE: The Strategic Infrastructure Section, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street
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**Objection to Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Planning Application for the
Proposed West Clare Railway Greenway Property.**

Affected: Moyasta, Kilrush, Co. Clare V15T674.

Objector Name(s): Noel Purtill & Brid Purtill.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of my family to formally lodge an objection to the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and development consent application for the West Clare Railway Greenway. As a family with young children whose home is directly impacted, we object in the strongest possible terms. The current alignment routes this high-volume public trail directly outside our front door, completely destroying our residential amenity, safety, and basic constitutional right to privacy. This was the main reason we choose to live here as it was such a safe, quiet area to rear our children. The execution of this project has caused our family immense psychological stress and anxiety. The threat of losing our security, our privacy, and our livelihood to aggressive land acquisition has placed an unbearable emotional burden on us as parents trying to raise young children. We request that An Bord Pleanála refuse consent for this CPO and direct the local authority to redesign the route based on the following material planning arguments:

1. Failure of Local Authority to Provide Visual Plans or Consult Hand-in-Hand with concrete plans of what is proposed.

Clare County Council has fundamentally failed to provide us with clear, detailed structural plans or architectural drawings showing exactly what the greenway will look like outside our front door. We have been left entirely in the dark regarding the height, scale, boundaries, and materials to be used immediately adjacent to our entrance. To expect a family to accept a major public thoroughfare at their front door without presenting transparent, property-specific structural plans is a severe breach of fair procedures and meaningful public consultation.

2. Severe Privacy Invasions and Structural Security Deficiencies. Routing a public tourist path directly outside our front door removes any buffer zone between our private family life and the public. Thousands of strangers will pass daily, directly overlooking our living areas and the spaces where our young children play. Furthermore, the Council has failed to outline any clear, binding plan or security measures—such as high-specification boundary walls, security gates, or surveillance screening—to prevent trespassing, anti-social behaviour, or active security breaches of our home.

3. Material Safety Risks to Young Children and Increased Footfall / Noise. The safety of our young children and us is severely compromised by this proposal. Bringing continuous high tourist footfall, high-speed cyclists, and gathering crowds directly to our doorstep introduces an unmitigated safety hazard. The sharp escalation in traffic volume will bring significant noise pollution, completely altering the quiet residential nature of our home. Our

children will no longer be able to safely step outside their own front door without encountering public tourist traffic and noise pollution.

4. Obstruction of Bay Views and Direct Waterfront Access

Our property currently enjoys an unobstructed view and direct, unhindered access to the bay. The current greenway proposal effectively severs our property from the shoreline. By positioning public infrastructure directly in front of our home, the Council will permanently block our scenic views of the bay and compromise our physical access to the waterfront. This causes a massive, irreversible devaluation of our residential property and strips us of the primary amenity that defines our home.

5. Failure to Prioritize Human Welfare over Ecological Conveniences.

The Council has rigidly adhered to the old railway line to avoid complex environmental screenings on alternative lands, effectively deciding that local ecology is a hard constraint while the safety, health, and welfare of our young family are expendable. A proper planning assessment must balance environmental indicators equally with human welfare. Bypassing a family home by diverting the path onto non-residential land or existing public roadways is entirely achievable and must be ordered.

Conclusion & Requested Action. The current proposal forces our young family to sacrifice our safety, privacy, peace of mind, and views for a recreational trail, thus hindering and impeding the very factors in which we choose to live here. This proposal will in turn affect our basic rights to privacy, dignity and feeling safe in our home environment. We respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála refuse consent for the CPO intersecting our property boundary or front entranceway. And direct Clare County Council to present transparent, property-specific drawings and modify the alignment away from our front door. Grant an Oral Hearing to allow our family to speak directly on the severe distress and practical impacts this design inflicts. Please find enclosed the statutory submission fee. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter in writing and notify me of all future updates.

Please find enclosed sum of €20.00

Yours sincerely,



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20/08/2026.