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Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

GLASBHEALACH AN BHEARNAIS MHÓIR

FOIRM AN FHÓGRA ATÁ LE FOILSIÚ DE BHUN ALT 51(3)(A) D'ACHT NA MBÓITHRE 1993 (ARNA LEASÚ) I NDÁIL LE HIARRATAS AR FHORBAIRT BÓTHAIR BHEARTAITHE A CHEADÚ AGUS TUARASCÁIL AR MHEASÚNACHT TIONCHAIR TIMPEALLACHTA (EIAR) AGUS RÁITEAS TIONCHAIR NATURA (NIS) A THÍOLACADH

1. Tá iarratas déanta ag Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ("an t-údarás bóithre") faoi alt 51(2) d'Acht na mBóithre, 1993 (arna leasú) chuig an Choimisiún Pleanála ("an Coimisiún") ar cheadú i ndáil le forbairt bhóthair bheartaithe dar teideal mar atá thuas agus arb éard í na nithe seo a leanas:

- Thart ar 37.5km d'áiseanna taistil ghníomhaigh coisithe/rothar comhúsáide
- 4 cheann cosáin lena n-áirítear páirceáil carranna agus taitneamhachtaí a sholáthar
- 3 fhobhealach taistil ghníomhaigh
- 1 droichead bóthair taistil ghníomhaigh
- 4 mhórthrasnú abhann taistil ghníomhaigh lena n-áirítear Abhainn na Finne, An Iascaigh, An Lamhraigh Mhór agus an Clochar
- 10 lintéar sruthchúrsa
- Droichid abhann, fo-dhroichid bhóthair agus ródhroichid agus lintéir atá ann cheana féin a chorprú mar chuid den fhorbairt bheartaithe
- Draenáil lena n-áirítear díoga, píopaí, easanna agus claiseanna maolaithe agus locháin.
- 21 limistéar scíste lena n-áirítear binsí, táblaí picnice agus páirceáil rothair
- Atreoruithe fóntais
- Oibreacha coimhdeacha amhail marcálacha bóthair, comharthaíocht, sxconsaí soilsiú, duchtú
- Tírdhreachú agus bearta maolaithe comhshaoil
- mar aon le gach obair choimhdeach agus iarmhartach.

Tógfar an fhorbairt bóthair atá beartaithe taobh de na bailte fearainn seo a leanas i gContae Dhún na nGall: (Baile an Mhuilinn, Drumroosk West, Drumroosk Middle, Droim Leachta, Droim Lonachair, Drumbarren, Clardrumbarren, Caoldroim, Spierstown, Clarcam, Clár Dhroimn a nGuthann, Clár Loch Iascaigh, Droim na Cora, Diméin Loch Iascaigh, Cor Mhín, Mullanalamphry, Druminnin, An Céideadh Íochtarach, An Céideadh Uachtarach, Ard an Amhairc, Cruach Eoghanach, Cashelnavean, Mín Chromghlinne, Gabhlán, Carrick Mhic Craith, Seisíoch Uí Néill, Neamhnaigh, Srath an Urláir).

Tá suíomh na forbartha bóthair beartaithe léirithe sa léarscáil a ghabhann leis.

Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall I ndiaidh an Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta (TMTT) a ullmhaíodh de bhun Alt 50 d'Acht na mBóithre, 1993 (arna leasú) a chur faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin maidir leis an fHorbairt bóthair atá beartaithe.

Ullmhaíodh Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (NIS) fOSTA agus cuireadh faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin é maidir leis an fHorbairt bóthair atá beartaithe chun críocha Airteagal 6[3] den Treoir maidir le Gnáthóga agus Cuid XAB den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 [arna leasú].

2. Is féidir cóip den Tuarascáil Measúnachta Tionchair Timpeallachta (TMTT) agus den Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (NIS) a iniúchadh ag na háiteanna atá liostaithe thíos ar laethanta oibre le linn gnáthuaireanta oibre i ngach ionad ón **17 Lúnasa 2026 go dtí an 30 Meán Fómhair 2026.**
   - Oifigí Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Teach an Chontae, Leifear, F93 Y622
   - Oifigí Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí, Baile Dhún na nGall, F94 DK6C
   - Leabharlann Pobail na gCúpla Bailte, Ionad Fiontraíochta an Bhunáite, Srath an Urláir, F93 VAK6
   - Oifigí an Choimisiúin Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902
3. Is féidir cóip den Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta (TMTT) (nó cuid di) agus/nó den Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (NIS) a cheannach ó Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí, Baile Dhún na nGall, F94 DK6C, ón **17 Lúnasa 2026 go dtí an 30 Meán Fómhair 2026,** ar an táille/na táillí seo a leanas a íoc:

Earra	Teideal	Táille	Leictreonach (USB)
1	Achoimre Neamhtheicniúil TMTT	€15	€10 (don tsraith iomlán doiciméad)
2	Príomhthéacs TMTT	€150	
3	Líníochtaí TMTT	€200	
4	Aguisíní Teicniúla TMTT	€150	
5	NIS	€90	

Is féidir an Tuarascáil ar an Mheasúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta (TMTT) agus an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (NIS) chomh maith le cáipéisí eile a bhaineann leis an iarratas a iniúchadh agus a íoslódáil saor in aisce ar an tsuíomh gréasáin: www.barnesmoregapgreenway.ie agus is féidir breathnú orthu ar shuíomh gréasáin an Choimisiúin ag https://www.pleanala.ie/en.ie/home

4. Féadfar aighneachtaí a dhéanamh i scríbhinn chuig an Choimisiún (féach thíos), i ndáil leis na rudaí a leanas:
   - na héifeachtaí is dócha a bheidh ag an fhorbairt bóthair atá beartaithe ar an chomhshaol;
   - na himpleachtaí a bhaineann leis an fhorbairt bóthair atá beartaithe maidir le pleanáil chuí agus forbairt inbhuanaithe sa cheantar ina bhfuil sé beartaithe an fhorbairt bóthair beartaithe a shuíomh; agus
   - na héifeachtaí suntasacha is dócha a bheidh ag an fhorbairt bóthair atá beartaithe ar shuíomh Eorpach

   roimh **5.30pm ar an 30 Meán Fómhair 2026.**

BARNESMORE GAP GREENWAY

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 A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS)

1. Donegal 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 the following:
   - Approximately 37.5km of shared use pedestrian/cycle active travel facilities
   - 4 trail heads including provision of car parking and amenities
   - 3 active travel underpasses
   - 1 active travel road overbridge
   - 4 major active travel river crossings including the Finn, Eske, Lowerymore and Clogher
   - 10 watercourse culverts
   - Incorporation of existing river bridges, road underbridges and overbridges and culverts as part of the proposed development
   - Drainage including ditches, pipes, outfalls and attenuation swales and ponds.
   - 21 rest areas including benches, picnic tables and bicycle parking
   - Utility diversions
   - Ancillary works such as road markings, signage, fencing, lighting, ducting
   - Landscaping and environmental mitigation measures
   - together with all ancillary and consequential works.

The proposed road development will be constructed within the following County Donegal townlands: (Milltown, Drumroosk West, Drumroosk Middle, Drumlaght, Drumlonagher, Drumbarren, Clardrumbarren, Keeldrum, Spierstown, Clarcam, Clardrumnaghan, Clarlougheask, Drumnacarry, Lougheask Demesne, Corveen, Mullanalamphry, Druminnin, Keadew Lower, Keadew Upper, Ardinawark, Croaghonagh, Cashelnavean, Meencrumlin, Goland, Carrickmagrath, Sessiagh (O'Neill), Navenny, Stranorlar).

The location of the proposed road development is illustrated in the accompanying map.

Donegal County Council has submitted to the Commission the 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 for the purposes of Article 6[3] of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 [as amended].

2. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected at the locations listed below on working days during normal working hours at each venue from **17th August 2026 to 30th September 2026.**
   - The Offices of Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, F93 Y622
   - The Offices of Donegal County Council, Public Services Centre, Donegal Town, F94 DK6C
   - Twin Towns Community Library, The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar, F93 VAK6
   - The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902
3. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (or part(s) thereof) and/or the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be purchased from Donegal County Council, Public Services Centre, Donegal Town, F94 DK6C, from the **17th August 2026 to 30th September 2026,** on payment of the following fee(s):

Item	Title	Fee	Electronic (USB)
1	EIAR Non-technical Summary	€15	€10 (for the entire suite of documents)
2	EIAR Main Text	€150	
3	EIAR Drawings	€200	
4	EIAR Technical Appendices	€150	
5	NIS	€90	

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) as well as other documentation relating to the application may be inspected and downloaded free of charge at the website: www.barnesmoregapgreenway.ie and may be viewed on the Commission website at https://www.pleanala.ie/en.ie/home

4. Submissions may be made in writing to the Commission (see below), 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 s ustainable 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 a European site

   before **5.30pm on the 30th September 2026.**

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Gearrtar táille €50 as aighneacht/tuairim a dhéanamh maidir leis an fhorbairt bhóthair atá beartaithe.

Ní bhaineann an táille seo le comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe ná le húinéirí réadmhaoine agus le daoine eile a bhfuil leas dlíthiúil acu i dtalamh atá ag agóid i gcoinne talamh a fháil go héigeantach ina bhfuil leas den tsórt sin acu i gcás fála éigeantach.

Is féidir aighneachtaí a bhfuil táille orthu a dhéanamh tríd an phost (chuig: **An Coimisiún Pleanála ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902**), go pearsanta, agus trí thairseach aighneachtaí ar líne an Choimisiúin https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation

Is féidir aighneachtaí sa chás, mar atá leagtha amach thuas, nach bhfuil táille de dhíth, a dhéanamh tríd an phost, go pearsanta agus trí ríomhphost chuig laps@pleanala.ie. Is féidir tuilleadh eolais ina leith seo a fháil ón Choimisiún Pleanála ar 01 8588100 nó ó shuíomh gréasáin an Choimisiúin Pleanála ag www.pleanala.ie

5. Féadfaidh an Coimisiún, i ndáil le hiarratas ar cheadú faoi alt 51 d'Acht na mBóithre, 1993 (arna leasú), teacht ar chonclúid réasúnaithe faoi alt 51(5)(c) d'Acht na mBóithre 1993 (arna leasú) agus a bheith deimhin leis go bhfuil an chonclúid réasúnaithe fós cothrom le dáta, féadfaidh sé, le hordú, an fhorbairt bóthair bheartaithe a cheadú, fara modhnuithe nó gan mhodhnuithe agus faoi réir cibé coinníollacha comhshaoil (lena n-áirítear coinníollacha maidir le bearta faireacháin), paraiméadair a ndéanfar faireachán orthu agus fad an fhaireacháin) a mheasann sé a bheith iomchuí, nó féadfaidh sé diúltú forbairt den tsórt sin nó aon chuid di a fhormheas.

Féadfaidh duine bailíocht aon chinnidh ón Choimisiún Pleanála maidir le forbairt bóthair bheartaithe a cheistiú trí iarratas ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach faoi Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna (agus go háirithe Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna atá in I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986 arna leasú) agus de réir ailt 50, 50A agus 50B den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú)

Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil ón Choimisiún Pleanála, ag 64 Sráid Maoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902 maidir leis an nós imeachta athbhreithnithe breithiúnaigh. Is féidir teacht ar fhaisnéis phraiticiúil faoin tsásra athbhreithnithe fosta faoin cheannteideal 'Fógra um Athbhreithniú Breithiúnach' ar shuíomh gréasáin an Choimisiúin https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/judicial-review-notice nó ar shuíomh gréasáin Fhaisnéis do Shaoránaigh ag https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/environment/environment-and-the-law/judicial-review-in-planning-and-environmental-matters/

6. Tá Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantach, lena mbaineann an fhorbairt bheartaithe, déanta ag Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall agus cuirfear faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin é faoi chlúdach ar leithligh.

Arna dhátú an 13ú lá seo de Lunasa 2026.

BRIAN REID,
INNEALTÓIR FEIDHMIÚCHÁIN SINSEARACH,
AR SON AGUS THAR CEANN AN ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚIL.

There is a €50 fee for making a submission/observation in relation to the proposed road development.

This fee does not apply to certain prescribed bodies 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.

Submissions with a fee can be made via post (to: **An Coimisiún Pleanála at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902**), in person, and via the Commission's online submission portal https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation

Submissions where, as set out above, a fee is not required can be made via post, in person, and via email to laps@pleanala.ie. Further information in this regard may be obtained from An Coimisiún Pleanála on 01 8588100 or from the website of An Coimisiún Pleanála at www.pleanala.ie

5. The Commission, in relation to an application for approval under section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), having reached a reasoned conclusion under section 51(5)(c) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) and being satisfied that the reasoned conclusion remains up-to-date, may, by order, approve the proposed road development, with or without modifications and subject to whatever environmental conditions (including conditions regarding monitoring measures, parameters to be monitored and the duration of monitoring) it considers appropriate, or may refuse to approve such development or any part thereof.

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, at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in respect of the judicial review procedure. Practical information on the review mechanism can also be accessed under the heading 'Judicial Review Notice' on the Commission's website https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/judicial-review-notice or from the Citizens' Information website at https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/environment/environment-and-the-law/judicial-review-in-planning-and-environmental-matters/

6. Compulsory Purchase Order, to which the proposed development relates, has been made by Donegal County Council and will be submitted to the Commission under separate cover.

Dated this 13th day of August 2026.

BRIAN REID,
SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.