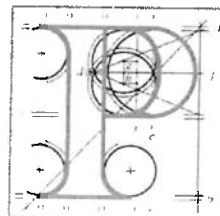


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Finn Harps Football Club  
c/o Ian Harkin  
Finn Harps FC  
Navenny Street  
Ballybofey  
Co. Donegal

**Date:** 25 September 2026

**Re:** Proposed Development of the Barnesmore Gap Greenway Project  
County Donegal

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission (including your fee of €50) 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 the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Lauren Griffin  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737244

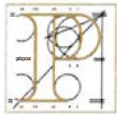
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## SID Online Observation

Online Reference  
SID-OBS-006108

### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
Ian Harkin

Lodgement Date  
25/09/2026 13:21:50

Case Number / Description  
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### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
Ian Harkin

Payment Amount  
€50.00

### Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

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Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

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Yes

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Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

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Amount

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Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board  
Member

Date

Date



# Finn Harps Football Club

25th September 2026

## Letter of Support – Proposed Ballybofey & Stranorlar Greenway

To the Planning Authority,

On behalf of Finn Harps Co-Operative Society Limited, the fan-owned football club serving Ballybofey, Stranorlar and the wider Twin Towns area, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Greenway.

Finn Harps is currently developing the Donegal Community Stadium at Railway Road, Stranorlar, and we see real synergy between our development and the Greenway. Together, the two projects will help open up the town and strengthen the connection between Ballybofey and Stranorlar. In particular:

**Alternative Transport, Not Just Leisure** – The Greenway will do more than support recreation; it will give people in both towns a genuine alternative to the car for everyday journeys, encouraging cycling and walking as a normal way to get around rather than just a leisure activity.

**Easing Parking Pressure** – Both Finn Harps and the Finn Valley area experience real congestion and parking pressure, particularly on match days and at peak times. A well-used Greenway would help ease that pressure by giving people a practical alternative route into town.

**New Access Road and Bridge** – The proposed new access road and bridge over the river will not only support the tourism ambitions of the Greenway but will have real practical benefit for people living close to the line, improving everyday access as well as recreational use.

**Town Development** – Combined with our stadium investment, the Greenway will make Ballybofey and Stranorlar a more attractive, better-connected place to live, work, visit and invest.

We believe the proposed Greenway would be a valuable long-term asset for Ballybofey, Stranorlar and the wider region, providing benefits for residents, businesses and visitors. We are pleased to support the progression and development of the Greenway.

Yours sincerely

**Ian Harkin**

Chairperson, Finn Harps FC, Navenny St, Ballybofey, Co Donegal.