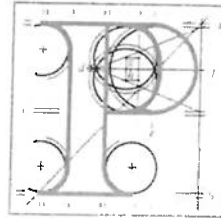


Our Case Number: ACP-324568-26



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Lough Eske Castle
c/o Dónal Cox
Lough Eske Castle
Donegal Town
County 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

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

Yours faithfully,

Lauren Griffin
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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-006103

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Donal Cox

Lodgement Date
23/09/2026 17:11:19

Case Number / Description
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Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Donal Cox

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG—

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

☐ Yes ☐ No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Finance Section

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

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

An Coimisiún Pleanála

Re: Barnesmore Gap Greenway — Case Reference 324568

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Support for Barnesmore Gap Greenway

On behalf of Lough Eske Castle, Donegal Town, we wish to express our full support for the proposed Barnesmore Gap Greenway and respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to grant approval for this important project.

As a leading hospitality and tourism business based in south Donegal, Lough Eske Castle welcomes guests from Ireland and overseas throughout the year. We see first-hand the growing demand for high-quality, safe and accessible walking and cycling experiences, particularly those that allow visitors to engage with Donegal's exceptional landscape, heritage and local communities at a more leisurely pace.

The Barnesmore Gap Greenway represents a significant opportunity for Donegal. It has the potential to strengthen active travel infrastructure, improve sustainable connectivity and provide an outstanding recreational amenity for local people and visitors. Its development would support healthier lifestyles, broaden access to the county's natural environment and help make the area more attractive as a place to live, work, visit and invest.

From a tourism perspective, the project would enhance Donegal's visitor offering and support the continued growth of experience-led and sustainable tourism. Greenways are an increasingly important consideration for domestic and international visitors, including walkers, cyclists, families, groups and those seeking longer stays centred on outdoor activity and authentic local experiences.

The proposed Greenway would also create valuable opportunities for the wider local economy. It can encourage visitors to spend more time in the county, support accommodation providers, cafés, restaurants, activity businesses, local retailers and producers, and help extend tourism activity beyond the traditional peak season. For a rural county such as Donegal, infrastructure of this nature has the capacity to deliver enduring economic, social, health and environmental benefits.

We recognise the importance of careful planning, sensitive design, environmental stewardship and meaningful engagement with communities and landowners. We believe these considerations can be appropriately addressed while delivering a Greenway that protects the distinctive character and natural beauty of the Barnesmore Gap area.

Lough Eske Castle therefore strongly supports the Barnesmore Gap Greenway and encourages An Coimisiún Pleanála to approve the proposal. We believe that this project

will be a positive long-term investment in Donegal's people, communities, tourism economy and sustainable future.

Yours faithfully,

Dónal Cox

General Manager

Lough Eske Castle

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal