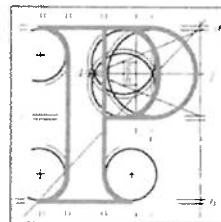


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Margaret & Trevor Glenn
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Date: 01 October 2026

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

Dear Sir / Madam,

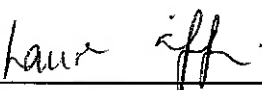
An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

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 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,



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23rd. September 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Re; Barnesmore Gap Greenway Project, Donegal Co. Council, (Plot Number 1029)

Dear Sir, Madam

We wish to make the following observation with regards to Chapter 16, Volume 2, of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, which has been included as part of the current planning submission prepared by Donegal Co. Council in respect of the above proposal.

Before addressing our concerns, we would first like to acknowledge that to date we have had very good / respectful negotiations with Donegal Co. Council. We appreciate the engagement that has taken place and hope that this constructive approach will continue into the future.

Referring to Table 16-7 "**Summary of impact assessment on agricultural properties**," the Magnitude of Impact has been assessed by Donegal Co. Council as "**High**". We consider this to be a very accurate assessment of the impact that the proposed greenway will have on the farm.

However, following the proposed mitigation measures, the **Residual Impact Significance** is identified as "**Slight**". We respectfully request that this assessment is reviewed and revised to "**Moderate**". In our view, the proposed mitigation measures do not sufficiently reduce the overall impact of the proposed greenway from High to Slight, and for the following reasons.

The main farm area (Folio DL16041) has been owned and farmed by my family (Margaret Glenn) for many generations and is approximately 67.34 Acres. The farm is now currently leased to a local farmer.

The proposed greenway will run through the middle of the farm and will therefore divide the farm into two separate areas. This will have a significant and ongoing effect on the manner in which the farm can be accessed, managed and operated.

In particular, as a result of the proposed greenway, approximately half of the farm will no longer have access to the existing water supply. This is also a significant issue for the continued agricultural use and management of the affected lands.

There will also be restrictions on access to the farm and use of existing farmyard facilities etc. The proposed provision of crossing gates across the greenway to facilitate access between the two sides of the farm is appreciated and obviously necessary, but will also introduce additional operational requirements and restrictions that do not currently exist.

The combination of the physical division of the farm, the loss of access to the existing water supply for one half of the holding, the restrictions on access to the farmyard and retained lands, and the requirement to use crossing gates will result in considerable and significant changes to the day-to-day management and operation of the farm.

These are not simply temporary or minor inconveniences. The proposed greenway will fundamentally alter the existing layout and functioning of the farm and will require ongoing changes to how livestock, machinery, water supply and access are managed.

The second plot of land (Folio DL16041) is approximately 5.7 acres and has lake frontage. The proposed greenway will also have a significant effect on these lands and again prevent access to the existing water supply. Considerable management changes will again be required.

The magnitude of impact on the farm has already been assessed by Donegal Co. Council as High. We also note from page 16-30 (paragraph below Table 16-8) that there are only "ten agricultural properties (12.7%) where the magnitude of impact is High. On these properties the impact is such that the farm enterprise can only continue with considerable management changes. Such management changes may involve changes to livestock type and numbers, areas of fodder / crop production and the continued use of existing farmyard facilities".

In view of the above statements, we respectfully request that the Residual Impact Significance, which is currently identified as "**Slight**" should be revised to "**Moderate**" to more accurately reflect the continuing impact that the proposed greenway will have on this farm.

We would also welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further with Donegal Co. Council as part of the ongoing engagement process if required.

Yours faithfully


Margaret & Trevor Glenn

