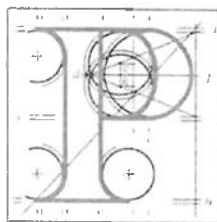


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

St. Francis' National School
c/o Emer Carr
Mullinalamphrey
Barnesmore
Donegal
F94 WF78

Date: 15 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-006090

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Emer Carr

Lodgement Date
14/09/2026 10:28:58

Case Number / Description
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Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Barnesmore NS

Payment Amount
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Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

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SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

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

Date

Date

Emer Carr, Principal
St Francis' National School
Mullinalamphrey, Barnesmore
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Re: Proposed Barnesmore Gap Greenway

I am writing in my capacity as Principal of St Francis' National School, Mullinalamphrey, Barnesmore, to express our strong support for the proposed Barnesmore Gap Greenway and to highlight the significant positive impact that this project could have on our school, our pupils and the wider local community.

The development of a safe, dedicated greenway through the Barnesmore Gap would provide an excellent opportunity for our pupils to enjoy increased access to outdoor activity, walking and cycling in a safe and attractive environment. As a primary school, we recognise the importance of encouraging children to develop healthy and active lifestyles from an early age. A local greenway would provide an invaluable resource in supporting this objective.

The proposed greenway could also enhance opportunities for outdoor learning. Our pupils would be able to experience and explore the natural environment in our local area, supporting learning across a range of subjects including Physical Education, Science, Geography, History and Environmental Studies. Being able to use a safe local walking and cycling route would make it easier for the school to incorporate regular outdoor activities into the school day.

From a road-safety perspective, the project could be particularly beneficial. Providing a safe alternative to walking and cycling along busy roads would give children and families greater confidence in choosing active modes of travel. It could encourage more pupils and parents to walk or cycle to school where practical, reducing reliance on cars and contributing to a healthier and more sustainable school environment.

The greenway would also provide an important opportunity for community connection. A high-quality walking and cycling route would encourage families, local residents and visitors to spend more time outdoors and to enjoy the exceptional natural landscape surrounding Barnesmore. It could strengthen links between the school and the wider community and provide a shared recreational asset for people of all ages.

There are also potential long-term benefits for the area. The Barnesmore Gap is a distinctive and beautiful part of County Donegal, and a sensitively designed greenway could enhance appreciation of the local landscape while supporting tourism and sustainable travel. Increased footfall and activity in the area could bring wider social and economic benefits to the local community.

Most importantly, we believe the proposed Barnesmore Gap Greenway has the potential to create a safer, healthier and more connected environment for our children. It would provide a valuable facility for physical activity, outdoor education, recreation and sustainable transport, while allowing pupils to engage positively with the natural environment on their doorstep.

For these reasons, St Francis' National School is very supportive of the proposed Barnesmore Gap Greenway and welcomes the significant opportunities it could provide for our pupils, their families and the wider Barnesmore community.

We respectfully encourage the progression of this important project and look forward to the positive benefits it could bring to the area.

Yours sincerely,

Emer Carr

Principal

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