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14th August 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division/Local Authority Projects section)
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

FAO: Eimear Reilly

**RE: Application for the confirmation of the
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL (BARNESMORE GAP GREENWAY)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2026**

Dear Madam,

Donegal County Council made the Donegal County Council Barnesmore Gap Greenway, Donegal Compulsory Purchase Order 2026 on 20th July 2026, and hereby submits this Order to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation under section 76 of and the Third Schedule to the Housing Act 1966 (as amended).

I enclose the following documents:

1. The “Donegal County Council (Barnesmore Gap Greenway) Compulsory Purchase Order 2026” (which includes the Deposit Maps and Schedules) duly sealed and dated (3 hard copies and 1 electronic copy on enclosed USB Flash Drives).
2. Chief Executive’s Order (including Appendixes) dated **21st July 2026** approving the making of the Barnesmore Gap Greenway Compulsory Purchase Order 2026, and directing that the said Order, Schedules and Deposit Maps attached be signed and affixed with the seal of Donegal County Council, and that the necessary statutory procedures including advertisements and notices be published and served, in accordance with the Housing Act 1966 (as amended) and all other enabling legislation (1 hard copy and 1 electronic copy on enclosed USB Flash Drives (searchable by electronic means))
3. Newspaper Notices published pursuant to Article 4(a) of the Third Schedule to the Housing Act 1966 (as amended) in the **Irish Independent** and the **Donegal Democrat** (one local and one national newspaper) dated **13th August 2026** (1 hard copy and 1 electronic copy on enclosed USB Flash Drives)

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4. Donegal County Council confirms that Notices were served on all Owners, Lessees and Occupiers of land referred to in the Barnesmore Gap Greenway Compulsory Purchase Order 2026 pursuant to Article 4(b) of the Third Schedule to the Housing Act 1966 (as amended) by registered post on **12th August 2026**. We attach a copy of the type and form of notice served and a list of all those served by registered post.

The documents listed in items 1, 2 and 3 above can also be accessed on Donegal County Council's stand-alone dedicated website for the Barnesmore Gap Greenway, at www.barnesmoregapgreenway.ie and at Donegal County Council's offices on the **17th August 2026** at the following locations: .

- The offices of the Local Authority, County House, Lifford, F93 Y622
- Twin Towns Community Library, The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar, F93 VAK6
- The offices of the Local Authority, Public Services Centre, Donegal Town, F94 DK6C

A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála by Donegal County Council on **06th August 2026** seeking approval for the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal under section 51 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) and also submitted at the time of making that application was an application fee of €60,000. In those circumstances and where this Compulsory Purchase Order relates to the application under section 51 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) for approval of the Barnesmore Gap Greenway, Donegal County Council hereby applies to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a waiver of the fees for this application for confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order.

Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed documentation, please contact:

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Yours faithfully,

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For on Behalf of Donegal County Council