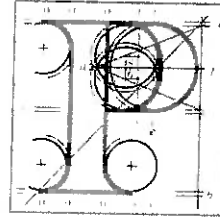


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

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Athenry
Galway

Date: 25 September 2026

Re: Proposed Development in Páirc na hAbhainn, Athenry, Co. Galway

Páirc na hAbhainn, Athenry, Co. Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter 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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To: An Coimisiún Pleanála

Proposed 16-unit residential development at Páirc na hAbhainn, Athenry, Co. Galway An Coimisiún Pleanála Case Reference: 324624 Section 177AE / Part 10 Proposal

To whom it concerns:

I wish to formally object to the planning permission sought by Galway County Council for the proposed development consisting of the construction of 16 houses on a greenfield site, **to be accessed via the existing Páirc na hAbhainn housing estate.** I am not opposed to housing development in principle. My objection relates specifically to the proposed **access arrangements** and the potential negative impact on the safety and quality of life of the established local community.

Please find below the grounds upon which I base my objection. These points are outlined in summary and expanded upon throughout this submission.

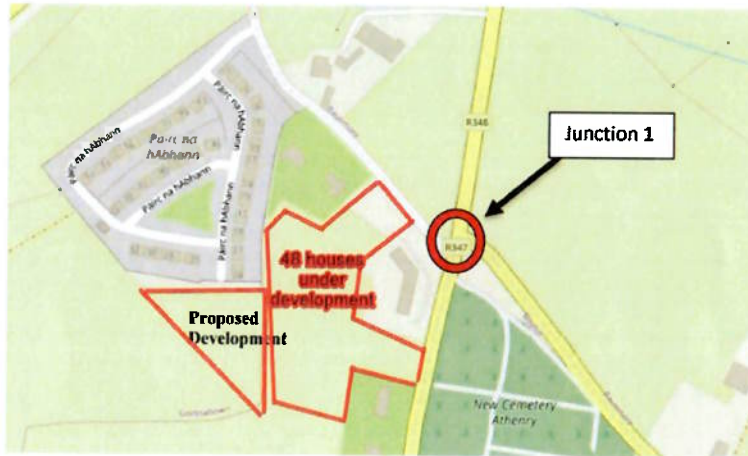
I object to this planning application on the following grounds:

1. Access, traffic congestion and road safety
2. Impact on local residents and residential amenity

1. Access, traffic congestion and road safety

- The existing estate was not designed to function as a through-route for additional housing. The internal road width is currently around 2 metres in places, which is insufficient for increased traffic.
- A significant increase in traffic flow would elevate the risk of accidents, particularly at junction1 and along bends within the estate where visibility is limited.

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- Access to the estate is via a narrow road, culminating in a 90-degree bend with restricted sightlines.
- There is already an insufficient number of designated parking spaces for existing homes. As a result, residents park on the road, narrowing the carriageway. An increase in traffic would exacerbate this issue and increase the likelihood of collisions.
- There is a lack of pedestrian footpaths along the access road, posing a serious safety risk to pedestrians, including children and elderly residents



- The access and egress points for multiple estates converge at a single location, which would lead to congestion and difficulty in entering or exiting the area, particularly during peak times.
- The traffic assessments carried out for this development did not account for another housing estate currently under construction(48 houses), which will be completed prior to the proposed expansion of Páirc na hAbhainn. As such, the traffic analyses are already outdated and inaccurate.
- Access to the proposed development could instead be achieved by extending the road from the nearby sports grounds, which are to be developed prior to the new housing estate.
- An alternative option would be to provide access via the estate currently under construction, thereby avoiding the need to route additional traffic through the established residential area.

2. Local residents' concerns – noise and amenity

- An increase in vehicle traffic along the internal estate road would result in higher noise levels, adversely affecting the quality of life for existing residents. The peaceful and residential character of the area would be diminished as a result of the proposed development.

I respectfully request that the planning authority take these concerns into consideration when assessing the application. I believe that the proposed development, as it stands, poses significant risks to road safety and would have a detrimental impact on the residential amenity of the area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would appreciate confirmation of receipt and the opportunity to have my objections considered as part of the planning process.

Kind regards,

Bronislaw Barnas

Justyna Barnas

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