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Ballyengland,
Askeaton,
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To An Bord Pleanála,
Strategic Infrastructure Development Section,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1, D01 V90

Re: Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass)
Environment / Road Boundaries / historic site at Clogh

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to comment to An Bord Pleanála regarding the impact of removing trees and hedgerows to make way for the proposed Foynes to Limerick Road and also the unfortunate location of the new road on a historic site in Clogh, Croagh.

Our Committee was concerned when looking at the photo-montages included in the plans for the above. The 'before and after' photos show that vast swathes of land will be laid bare, trees and their undergrowth will be removed to be replaced by a post and rail fence.

I refer in particular to the clearing at Mulderricksfield, Ballyclogh (Askeaton West E.D.), Ballyellinan, Ballycullen, Cloonreask, Coolrahee, Lismakeery, Baunreagh, Ballynacaheragh, Milltown North, Kyletaun, Rathkeale and Clogh East and Clogh West near Croagh.

The effect of such actions will be devastating on wildlife and aesthetically uninteresting to the human eye. I realise your plans include a certain amount of planting but replacing a habitat of mature trees, bearing flowers, nuts or berries, with trees of a decorative nature will not support the native wildlife dependent on the trees. Invertebrates, birds, mammals (including bats) will suffer from the lack of cover, food, travel corridor and nesting site.

When replacing such a habitat, fallow areas should be provided to allow wild grasses, flowers and other vegetation to recolonise at will. Landscaping should not be over-structured or manicured to the exclusion of native vegetation. Native Irish trees should predominate.

Regarding the work at Clogh East and Clogh West near Croagh, we fear that an area of huge local historical interest will be destroyed, namely, Going's Cross (the site of the ambush of Captain Going in the 1821). This ambush was one of a series of traumatic events in the agrarian struggle which impacted on the populations of Askeaton, Coolcappa-Kilcolman, Rathkeale and Croagh.

Trusting you will take note of my observations,

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Wallace

Secretary

Askeaton Heritage & Tidy Towns Committee

