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Dear Sir / Madam,

Foynes to Limerick Scheme ("the Scheme").

We wish to make the following submissions on the above proposed scheme as follows :

1. The Inspector should review the detailed traffic management plan for the **building phase of the project**. This should avoid the current "rat run" from the Lantern Lodge Roundabout via the Thatch Pub to the Ballingarry Road which is experiencing dangerously high traffic levels during the current Adare Sewage Pipe Laying
2. The Inspector should review whether the bridge structures included for the crossing of the Irish Rail network are reasonable and not excessive as in the last planning application Irish Rail asked for bridges to span a double track electrified railway. It is questionable whether the track could even be expanded to two tracks given that the railway squeezes through several narrow areas (such as at the Raheen Industrial Estate motorway exit). The rail is currently disused, single track and has not been maintained by Irish Rail for approx. 20 years.
3. Having taken 5 years to get from Route Selection we would encourage the Board to make an early decision on the Scheme so that the Ryder Cup 2026 is not withdrawn from Adare.
4. Consideration should be given to building the Scheme in "phases" with the most time-critical being the Bypass of Adare.

We formally request confirmation that An Bord Pleanála hold an Oral Hearing into this scheme and we enclose our fee for this submission of €50.

Yours faithfully


BRYAN & MAEVE SMYTH

