



FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(3)(A) OF THE ROADS ACT, 1993 (AS AMENDED) IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIAR) AND NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS)

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

WEST CLARE RAILWAY GREENWAY – SECTION 1: KILRUSH TO KILKEE

1. Clare County Council (“the road authority”) has applied under section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) to An Coimisiún Pleanála (“the Commission”) for approval in relation to a proposed road development titled as above and consisting of:

A pedestrian and cycle route and associated ancillary and consequential works over approx. 15.2km and affecting a total land area of approx. 27.3ha between the towns of Kilrush to the east and Kilkee to the west via the village of Moyasta. The proposed road development will be constructed within the townlands of Kilrush, Leadmore West, Carrowncalla South, Carrowncalla North, Moyasta, Baunmore, Gaurraun, Lisdeen and Dough across the five Electoral Divisions (ED) of Kilrush Urban, Kilrush Rural, Einagh, Kilfearagh and Kilkee. It will generally follow the route of the former West Clare Railway repurposing the former railway infrastructure, diverting around property boundaries in certain instances. Trailheads with car parking and ancillary facilities will be provided at Kilrush and Moyasta. Boundary fencing and screening will be provided along the route.

The location of the proposed road development is illustrated in the accompanying map.

Clare County Council has submitted to the Commission an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) prepared pursuant to section 50 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) in respect of the proposed road development.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has also been prepared and has been submitted to the Commission in respect of the proposed road development under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the purposes of Article 6[3] of the Habitats Directive.

2. The application documents including a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected at:
 - a. The offices of Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Lifford, Ennis, County Clare, V95 DXP2
 - b. Kilrush Library, O’Gorman Street, Kilrush, County Clare, V15 W577,
 - c. Sweeney Memorial Library, Cultúrlann Sweeney, O’Connell Street, Kilkee, County Clare, V15 P960
 - d. The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902

on working days during normal opening hours at each venue up to 30th September 2026.

3. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (or part(s) thereof) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be purchased from Clare County Council at Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Lifford, Ennis, County Clare, V95 DXP2, on payment of a fee of:

EIAR Volume 1 Non-Technical Summary	€15
EIAR Volume 2 Main Text	€150
EIAR Volume 3 EIAR Figures	€200
EIAR Volume 4 EIAR Appendices	€150
Natura Impact Statement (NIS)	€90

during the period and times specified at paragraph 2 above. The application documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may also be inspected at www.westclarerailwaygreenway.ie and may also be viewed from the following website at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/home>.

4. The Commission may, in relation to an application for approval under section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), by order, approve the proposed road development, with or without modifications and subject to environmental conditions and/or restrictions (including conditions regarding monitoring measures, parameters to be monitored and the duration of monitoring) it considers appropriate, or may refuse to approve such development.

5. By Direction of the Commission, the period for Submissions and Observations to be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development;
- the implications of the proposed road development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed road development; and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on European sites,

has been extended to **30th September 2026**.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50. This fee will not apply to certain prescribed bodies, including those specified in section 51(3)(b) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), or to property owners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in which they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case.

Submissions with a fee can be made via post (to: An Coimisiún Pleanála at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902), in person and via the Commission’s online submission portal <https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation>

Submissions where, as set out above, a fee is not required can be made via post, in person, and via email to laps@pleanala.ie. Further information in this regard may be obtained from An Coimisiún Pleanála on 01 8588100 or from the website of Coimisiún Pleanála at www.pleanala.ie

A person may question the validity of any decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála on a proposed road development by way of an application for judicial review under the Rules of the Superior Courts (and in particular Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts contained in S.I. No. 15 of 1986 as amended) and in accordance with Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). Further information can be obtained from An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of the judicial review procedure and information can also be accessed on An Coimisiún Pleanála website: <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/judicial-review-notice>

A Compulsory Purchase Order, to which the proposed development relates, has been made by Clare County Council and has been submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála under separate cover.

Dated the 14 August 2026.

**John Corry, Senior Executive Officer,
Clare County Council.**

