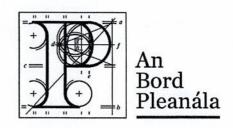
Our Case Number: ABP-310286-21



Joseph Clifford Effin/Garrienderk Community Thomastown Kilmallock Co. Limerick

Date: 21st July 2021

Re: Railway works and all works necessary to eliminate and, where necessary, upgrade seven numbered level crossings and carry out all associated and ancillary works along a 24-kilometre section of the Dublin to Cork Railway Line.

Fantstown, Thomastown, Ballyhay, Newtown, Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village), Shinanagh and Buttevant, Co. Cork and Co. Limerick.

Dear Sir.

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

A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of Cork County Council and Limerick City and County Council and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-873 7250

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Effin/Garrienderk Community

c/o Joseph Clifford Thomastown Kilmallock Co. Limerick

An Bord Pleanala 64 Marlborough St Dublin 1

07 July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,



RE: Railway Order – Dublin to Cork Railway Line (Eliminate and Upgrade of Level Crossings between Limerick Junction and Mallow) Order 2021 – XC201 Thomastown

We wish to make a submission to An Bord Pleanala in relation to the proposed upgrade and improvement works at Thomastown Kilmallock Railway Crossing by larnrod Eireann and urge you to take the following into consideration:

- 1. Width of the road The new road will not be wide enough for two vehicles to pass safely i.e. cars, trucks & farm machinery
- The new junction on to the main Charleville, Kilmallock road (R515) is designed in an unsafe way as it will cause stacking of cars when a vehicle is turning off the R515 onto the new road.
- 3. The Parish of Effin has been divided for many years by the railway line and gates at the level crossing which are always closed to vehicles. All the amenities of the Parish are on the southern side of the railway line (i.e. primary school, GAA facilities, church etc.). This new road is a major step forward in uniting what was a divided Parish and the volume of traffic will increase tenfold at a minimum as a result of this proposed development and therefore in the interest of health and safety for road users a two lane road is essential.
- 4. As we are a farming community the volume of agricultural machinery will also increase on this road especially during the busy harvesting season which further outlines the importance of having a two lane road.

All of the above points have been made on health and safety grounds for our local community. In recent years there has been six fatalities on the R515 as well as hundreds of other accidents leaving some people with life changing injuries. While this development would be of benefit to the community if the above points are not addressed we feel that it would create an unnecessary risk to road users and leave the road unfit for purpose.

Yours faithfully,

Gerard O'Connor

Gerard O'Connor

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On behalf of the undersigned

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