

Joseph, Ann and Donie Clifford
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 / Madam,

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.

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

Yours faithfully,



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07 July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

c/o Joseph & Ann Clifford
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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 Pleanála in relation to the proposed upgrade and improvement works at Thomastown Kilmallock Railway Crossing by Iarnród Éireann.

We, Joe and Ann Clifford reside at Thomastown, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick and are writing to you on behalf of our family and Brother Donie Cotter.

I, Joe am a landowner adjacent to XC201 Thomastown level crossing and I wish to voice my concerns in relation to the new proposed bridge and road to replace the above level crossing. While we wholeheartedly agree with the new development in question we have a few issues which concern us directly as well as Brother Donie Cotter:


1. As the proposed new bridge will provide a birds eye view into my farmyard and Brother Donie Cotter's house we would like to see some screening put in place which would afford us some privacy for security purposes.
2. The areas marked XC201.T.09, XC201.T.10, XC201.T.08 and island of land adjacent to XC201.T.08 on the proposed Plan 2A appear to be "no man's land" and ownership of these areas needs to be established in order to avoid those becoming areas for illegal dumping or anti-social activities.
3. The current proposal for exiting R515 onto the new road is wholly unacceptable as it has the potential to be highly dangerous due to the high volume of traffic on the main Charleville Kilmallock road R515. We feel a filter lane from R515 onto the new road is necessary to exit off the R515 in a safe manner.
4. As the road will link a currently divided parish it is inevitable that traffic will increase substantially and in the interest of the safety of all road users (i.e. cars, farm machinery and trucks) it is essentially that the new proposed road is a two lane roadway, allowing two vehicles to safely pass in order for it to be fit for purpose and carry the volume of traffic that will be created by linking the parish. Realistically anything less than a two lane roadway is a step backwards.

5. Currently all heavy goods vehicles access my farmyard using the level crossing. As this is an essential part of my business it further reiterates the need for an improvement to the current proposal for the road.

All of our above points have been made on health and safety grounds for our local community and for our own privacy and we urge you to take them into consideration.

Yours faithfully,


Joseph Clifford


Ann Clifford


Brother Donie Cotter

