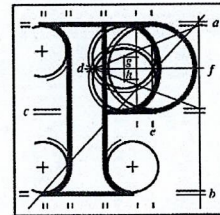


**Our Case Number:** ABP-310286-21



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Michael O'Kelly & Others  
5 Beechwood Drive  
Ballyhea  
Co. Cork

**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](http://www.pleanala.ie).

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

**Teil**  
**Glaó Áitiúil**  
**Facs**  
**Láithreán Gréasáin**  
**Ríomhphost**

**Tel**  
**LoCall**  
**Fax**  
**Website**  
**Email**

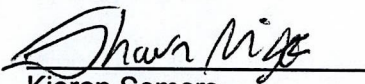
(01) 858 8100  
1890 275 175  
(01) 872 2684  
[www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)  
[bord@pleanala.ie](mailto:bord@pleanala.ie)

64 Sráid Maoilbhríde  
Baile Átha Cliath 1  
D01 V902

64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  
D01 V902

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

Yours faithfully,



Kieran Somers  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-873 7250

RA05

Tell  
Glao Áitiúil  
Facs  
Láithreán Gréasáin  
Ríomhphost

Tel  
LoCall  
Fax  
Website  
Email

(01) 858 8100  
1890 275 175  
(01) 872 2684  
[www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)  
[bord@pleanala.ie](mailto:bord@pleanala.ie)

64 Sráid Maoilbhríde  
Baile Átha Cliath 1  
D01 V902

64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  
D01 V902

## Submission to An Bord Pleanala

on proposed closure of Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village) railway crossing

Case number NA04.310286

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| AN BORD PLEANALA |          |
| LDG-<br>ABP-     | 04124-21 |
| 07 JUL 2021      |          |
| Fee: €           | 50-      |
| Type:            | Cheque   |
| Time:            |          |
| By:              | post-    |

We the undersigned make this submission to An Bord Pleanala

Names and addresses

1. Michael + Denise O'KELLY 5 BEECHWOOD drive Ballyhea Co Cork
2. Denis + Margaret RING 3 Beechwood Dr Ballyhea Charleville Co Cork
- 3.
- 4.

The proposed bridge and other works at Ballyhea Village are unsuitable for our village and make the village unworkable from the point of view of getting from one side of the village to the other. These works make a negative impact on the landscape and the environment.

In 2010 we made our views known to CIE and Cork County Council about this bridge. They included noise levels, loss of green space, bridge situated too close to our houses and the school, and devaluation of the value of our houses. All of those reasons were accepted as reasonable by Cork County Council and are still valid.

In 2010 the bridge did not go ahead because Cork County Council took into account our concerns and did not allow the application. Cork County Council advised CIE to draw up an alternative to the proposed bridge.

The proposal now submitted for Ballycoskery to An Bord Pleanala is basically the same plan drawn up in 2010 without taking any notice of Cork County Council's decision or our concerns. By going to An Bord Pleanala CIE thinks that it can get around the decision of Cork County Council to continue with its proposed bridge.

We ask An Bord Pleanala to uphold the decision already made by Cork County Council in 2011 on building a bridge at Ballyhea Village.



We ask an Bord Pleanala to reject the proposal now made by CIE.

We ask an Bord Pleanala to encourage CIE to reexamine the proposal to build a tunnel under the railway line at Ballyhea Village as this would have the support of most people in the village and would be a less of an intrusion.

We enclose a cheque to 50 euro. 121747

Please acknowledge receipt.

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Signed:

Muhd Omid

Jennie O'Leary

Margaret King

Dennis King