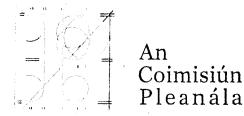
Our Case Number: ABP-322359-25



Cllr Sean Conlon 21 Dublin Street Monaghan Co. Monaghan

Date: 19 June 2025

Re: Dublin Street North and Backlands Regeneration Project

Dublin Street and back lands to the north, Old Cross Square and Diamond Centre Car Park,

Monaghan Town Centre, in the townlands of Roosky and Tirkeenan, Co. Monaghan.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it or approved it with conditions.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at <a href="mailto:laps@pleanala.ie">laps@pleanala.ie</a>

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

Yours faithfully,

Breda Ingle

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June 5, 2025

I write for the purpose of making a submission in support of the owners of McKenna's Pub, 62 Dublin St. Monaghan, regarding the Dublin St. North Regeneration Project.

Established in 1934, and the oldest family run pub in Monaghan town, the proposals set out by the Planning Section of Monaghan County Council to demolish a section of their property, will have a considerable detrimental impact on their business and livelihood.

Having consulted with the Planning Section, it is my firm and unequivocal view that the inclusion of this section of the McKenna property to be included for demolition is the result of an administrative error. Contained within this 7m wide X 11m long area, at ground level, are the stock/inventory storage facilities, and plant and utility equipment. At upper level, an element which is not part of the proposed demolition, is the upstairs bar and lounge, a popular venue supplementary to the downstairs pub where family, community, business, and charity events are held.

Aligned to this use, is the historic and current attachment to the annual Harvest Time Blues Festival, which was founded at this pub over thirty years ago, and continues to this day in providing an iconic location for this successful Town wide event featuring local and international artists. Also in the past, it has hosted such bands as charttoppers Fontaines D.C., and Kneecap.

This business, with its large building footprint, provides the Council with a valued annual rates payment, for a Town that has considerable vacancy rates, and especially in the pub sector where only ten exist, relatively small for a provincial town. As an employer, it is a valuable economic generator of typically 8 staff, mostly to young people at college seeking part-time work.

To give further articulation of the points raised, I enclose photos that highlight, particularly the north facing image, of the continuum of building in their ownership, and through economies of scale, provides for an economically viable business. I make the appeal on behalf of the McKenna family that no demolition occurs within the confines of their property which to do so, would result in a calamitous outcome and imminent closure.

Is mise,

Councillor Seán Conlon

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Monaghan Municipal District

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