

Pádraic Flanagan Address _____
Head of Claremorris/ Swinford Municipal District _____
Mayo County Council _____
Kilcolman Road _____
Claremorris Date _____

Ref: LS5572-0 PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES (EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY). Road LS5572-0 in the Townland of Carrowbaun, Swinford in the county of Mayo between the lines A-A and A1 – A1 for 10 meters as shown on Drawing 21/03/003-0

Dear Mr. Flanagan,

I am writing to you to object to the above road closure on the following grounds:

1. Traffic and Transport:

a) This road is used by a school bus and individuals daily to attend Meelick Primary school. There are many young families in the locality who attend this school and more who will be using this road in the future. It will have a knock-on effect on this school's enrolment numbers if the families are forced to travel a further distance.

b) This road is used many times daily for the purpose of accessing local farmland by farmers.

2. Proof of Purpose: There is no clarity for the local people on the reasons why the authorities wish to close this road. It is questionable whether it is part of a greater plan to improve the safety of the main road but there is no such plan currently available for viewing. It is also unclear as to why this road was chosen over the many other slip roads. In the absence of such, there has been an expectation placed on the local people to respond to this notice without having the full information.

3. Conflict of Interest: One of our local public representatives has indicated to the locals that he has a conflict of interest in responding to the people as he has intentions to put forward planning for a private business venture which is somehow linked to this road closure. Again, there has been an expectation placed on the local people to respond to this notice without having the full information and without guidance from the local representative.

4. Recreation and Leisure: This road is used every day for walkers and cyclists as a scenic country road and as a safe alternative to the N5, by locals and by visitors to the area.

5. Environment: This road has unfortunately seen an increase in fly-tipping in recent years and should this road be closed on one end a further increase could more easily occur without the watchful eye of the walkers and local traffic going by.

6. I also object to this road closure because _____

Yours sincerely,
