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"No effort will be spared to make the Leader all that could be desired as a local journal"

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# Trust the process and the results will follow

IN A week where members of the football final with Louth, in Croke San Francisco 49ers American Football team visited the beautiful village of Adare for a wedding, it was fitting that the coaching philosophy of their former coach, Bill Walsh, was on show in Limerick.

"There is no guarantee, no ultimate formula for success. It all comes down to intelligently and relentlessly seeking solutions that will increase your chance of prevailing. Consistent effort is a consistent challenge. When you meet the challenge, the score will take care of itself."

Those are the words of Bill Walsh, three-time SuperBowl champion. Bill's view on the game was that if you look after the small things, the big things (winning) would take care of themselves.

Billy Lee and the Limerick footballers are the modern version of that mantra. The panel have qualified for this weekend's Division 3

Park, but more impressive than that achievement is their promotion to Division 2 next season.

Cork, Clare and Dublin are to come, but, for now, the sporting public are marvelling at the efforts put in by Lee, Maurice Horan, Adrian O'Brien, Shane Kelly, Seamus O'Donnell, the rest of the backroom team and the players.

The Limerick footballers have come from rock bottom of Division 4, up the football 'power rankings' and into the Sam Maguire competition for the year ahead.

When others doubted them and even questioned why they were still 'sticking with it', the footballers continued to trust the process, knowing that the results would come. The original '49ers' went to San Francisco for gold; this weekend Limerick go to Dublin in chase of silverware. Both knew that hard work does pay off eventually.





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# Letter to the editor

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"In a world of Putins, be a Zelensky": The kids of Abbeyview in Adare showed their support on March 24 with the people of Ukraine with a giant piece of street art

# 'The River'

For Hannah, my Friend

My friend is a Traveller and I am a Country-Buffer

she has left an imprint on me like a fossil, zig zag incisions that mould the

hardest rock, planting themselves - living forever.

The delicate sprig of friendship has blossomed

became a mountain with flowing spring waters.

The shared moments caught for us a time of no divide,

a silver net catching the Salmon

# HAVE YOUR SAY If you've got a view on a local topic

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Limerick

### our laughter shattered the thin vail that hovers between prejudice and unity –

between the - I'll accept you - on my terms, fallacy

Prejudice acts as a lever to elevate our inferior selves

to heights of dizzy disillusion -Society feeding the layered segmentation segregation -

like ladders – steps of insanity to clouds of fanaticism -

no one wants the bottom rung! Instead we cling foolishly to the middle ground,

shouting -I'm good today - I'm better

Refusing to be fossils in Rivers of

friendship. ANN MULCAHY KILMALLOCK

# Under the radar!

HAS anyone in the Ireland media noticed the astonishing record of 100 points for Ireland scored by the great Ireland number 9 Conor Murray from Limerick. His latest try versus Scotland in the 80th minute of the Triple Crown win by Ireland in 2022, far outstrips that of any other Ireland number 9. Take a bow Conor Murray. JAMES J RYAN

LISNAGRY

# **TRANSPORT (RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE) ACT 2001,** as amended

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 on the Dublin to Cork Railway Line.

In compliance with a request by An Bord Pleanála, Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) hereby advises that, with regard to the inaccessibility of certain documents on the project website, due to a technical issue, it has been requested by the Board to advise an addendum to the original public notice to allow a further time period for the making of submissions/observations in relation to the railway order application.

As stated in the original public notice, the application is accompanied by documents including the following:

a) A draft of the proposed Railway Order entitled the "Dublin to Cork Railway Line (Elimination and Upgrade) of Level Crossings between Limerick Junction and Mallow Order 2021":

b) Plans of the proposed railway works;

c) A book of reference to the plan (indicating the identity of the owners and of the occupiers of the lands described in the plan); A statement of the likely effects on the environment (an "Environmental Impact

# AN TACHT IOMPAIR (BONNEAGAR IARNROID) 2001, arna leasú

Oibreacha iarnróid agus na hoibreacha ar fad atá riachtanach a dhéanamh, agus, más gá, seacht gcrosaire comhréidhe uimhrithe a uasghrádú agus na hoibreacha gaolmhara agus coimhdeacha ar fad a chur i gcrích feadh stráice 24 ciliméadar de Líne Iarnróid Bhaile Átha Cliath go Corcaigh mar seo a leanas:

I gcomhréir le hiarraidh ón mBord Pleanála, cuireann Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) in iúl leis seo, maidir leis an neamh-inrochtaineacht ar cháipéisí áirithe ar shuíomh gréasáin an tionscadail de bharr fadhb theicniúil, tá iarrtha ag an mBord aguisín a ghabhann leis an bhfógra bunaidh poiblí a chur in iúl chun tréimhse ama bhreise a cheadú chun aighneachtaí a dhéanamh/tuairimí a thabhairt maidir leis an iarratas ar an ordú um iarnród.

Mar atá luaithe sa bhunfhógra poiblí, tá doiciméid ag gabháil leis an iarratas, lena n-áirítear na cinn seo a leanas

- a) Dréacht den Ordú Iarnróid beartaithe dar teideal "Ordú Líne Iarnróid Bhaile Átha Cliath go Corcaigh (Díchur agus Uasghrádú) Crosairí Comhréidhe Ghabhal Luimnigh agus Mhala 2021"
- b) Pleananna maidir leis hoibreacha iarnróid atá beartaithe;
- c) Leabhar tagartha don phlean (a shonróidh aitheantas úinéirí agus áititheoirí na dtailte a bhfuil cur síos orthu sa phlean); agus
- d) Ráiteas faoin éifeacht ar an timpeallacht is dócha a bheidh ag na hoibreacha iarnróid atá beartaithe ("Báiteas Tionchair Comhshaoil

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**TRANSPORTATION:** The First sustainability report from Bus Éireann shows substantial progress towards company's 2030 goals, including the company's almost zero energy administration building in Roxboro.

61 hybrid and three hydrogen buses funded by the National Transport Authority enabled 150,000km of emissionfree travel

■ 1,700 Bus Éireann employees provided with new uniforms made from recycled plastic, avoiding plastic waste ending up in landfills or oceans

Ireland's first ever hydrogen electric bus trial already delivering results, reducing CO2 emissions by 34 tonnes in 2021



we'd love to hear from you.

29 Glentworth Street,

Boyne

# like a sparkling clear river – our friendship swelled than you!. – each flow equal to the next -

- Assessment Report") of the proposed railway works;
- e) A Natura Impact Statement.

### Inspection of Draft Railway Order and Accompanying Documents

A copy of the Draft Railway Order and documents accompanying the application may be inspected during normal office and opening hours (with the exception of Charleville Station where the viewings will be made bwy appointment via the project email address cllc@irishrail.ie or by calling 01 703 4451) from the 11 April 2022 for the duration of 6 weeks until the 23 May 2022 at:

- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902
- · Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick, V94 WV78
- Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC
- · larnród Éireann, Charleville Station, Railway Road, Charleville, Co. Cork, P56 C654

These documents may also be viewed at www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings

### **Purchase of Documents**

Copies or extracts from the documents which accompanied the application, including the Environment Impact Assessment Report, the Non-Technical Summary of same and the Natura Impact Statement, may be purchased on payment of a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such copy or extract from:

- Cork Line Level Crossings Project, C/O Jacobs, Mahon Industrial Estate, Blackrock, Cork, T12 HY54
- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902
- · Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick, V94 WV78
- · Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC

### Written Submissions

An Bord Pleanála will consider any submission in relation to the proposed Railway Order or in relation to the likely effects on the environment and the likely significant effects in the area concerned on European Sites, if any, of the proposed railway works which are submitted in writing to it by any person and accompanied by a fee of €50 (This fee is not payable by certain prescribed bodies or by persons whose lands may be acquired under the order or by persons who previously made a submission to the Board in respect of the railway order application). Submissions must be lodged no later than 5.30 p.m. on the 23 May 2022 and must be addressed to An Board Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 and marked "Dublin to Cork Railway Line (Elimination and Upgrade) of Level Crossings between Limerick Junction and Mallow Order 2021".

### **Oral Hearing**

An Bord Pleanála may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing into the application for a Railway Order.

### **Judicial Review**

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Board Pleanála may make by way of an application for judicial review in accordance with section 47 and 47A of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 (as amended and substituted) and under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986 as amended) and practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the hearing "Publications - Judicial Review Notice" on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizen's Information website www.citizensinformation.ie.

### Dated 28 March 2022

### Further information is available from:

Cork Line Level Crossings Project, C/O Jacobs, Mahon Industrial Estate, Blackrock, Cork T12 HY54

E-mail: cllc@irishrail.ie

Web: www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings



e) Ráiteas Tionchair Natura.

### Iniúchadh ar an Dréacht-Ordú um Iarnród agus na Cáipéisí a Ghabhann Leis

Is féidir iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar chóip den Dréacht-Ordú Iarnróid agus doiciméid tionlacain an iarratais i rith ghnáthuaireanta oifige nó oscailte (seachas Stáisiún na Rátha, inar féidir iad a fheiceáil trí choinne a dhéanamh via seoladh ríomhphoist an tionscadail cllc@irishrail.ie nó trí glaoch a chur ar 01 703 4451) ón 11 Aibreán, 2022 ar feadh tréimhse 6 seachtaine go dtí an 23 Bealtaine, 2022 ag:

- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath, D01 V902
- Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh, Bóthar Thuar an Daill, Tuar an Daill, Luimneach, V94 WV78
- Comhairle Contae Chorcaí, Áras an Chontae, Bóthar Charraig Ruacháin, Corcaigh, T12 R2NC
- larnród Éireann, Stáisiún na Rátha, Bóthar an Iarnróid, An Ráth, Co. Chorcaí,

Tá na doiciméid ar fáil ag www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings freisin

### Doiciméid a Cheannach

Is féidir cóipeanna nó sleachta de na doiciméid a bhí i dteannta leis an iarratas, lena náirítear an Tuarascáil Measúnaithe Tionchair Timpeallachta, an Achoimre NeamhTheicniúil maidir leis sin agus an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura a cheannach trí tháille a íoc nach sáróidh costas réasúnach cóip a dhéanamh de na doiciméid nó de shliocht as na doiciméid

- Tionscadal Crosairí Comhréidhe Líne Chorcaí, F/ch Jacobs, Eastát Tionscail Mhachan, An Dúcharraig, Corcaigh, T12 HY54
- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath, D01 V902
- Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh, Bóthar Thuar an Daill, Tuar an Daill, Luimneach, V94 WV78
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### Aighneachtaí i Scríbhinn

Breithneoidh An Bord Pleanála aon aighneachtaí a bhaineann leis an Ordú Iarnróid beartaithe nó a bhaineann leis na héifeachtaí ar an timpeallacht is dócha a bheidh aige agus na héifeachtaí suntasacha sa cheantar lena mbaineann ar Láithreáin Eorpacha. más ann dóibh, a bheidh ag na hoibreacha iarnróid beartaithe, a chuireann aon duine faoina bhráid i scríbhinn a mbeidh táille €50 leis (Níl an táille seo iníoctha ag comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe ná ag daoine a bhféadfaí a gcuid tailte a fháil faoin ordú seo ná daoine a sheol aighneacht roimhe seo chuig an mBord maidir leis an iarratas ar ordú jarnróid). Ní mór aighneachtaí a thaisceadh tráth nach déanaí ná an 23 Bealtaine. 2022 ag 5:30pm agus ní mór iad a sheoladh chuig: An Bord Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1 agus an méid seo a leanas scríofa ar an aighneacht: "Ordú Líne Iarnróid Bhaile Átha Cliath go Corcaigh (Díchur agus Uasghrádú) Crosairí Comhréidhe Ghabhal Luimnigh agus Mhala 2021"

### Éisteacht ó Bhéal

Féadfaidh An Bord Pleanála, dá lánrogha féin, éisteacht ó bhéal a reáchtáil maidir leis an iarratas ar Ordú Iarnróid.

### Athbhreithniú Breithiúnach

Féadfaidh duine bailíocht aon chinnidh den chineál sin de chuid an Bhoird Pleanála a cheistiú ar mhodh iarratais ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach de réir alt 47 agus alt 47A d'Acht Iompair (Bonnneagar Iarnróid) 2001 (arna leasú agus arna ionadú) agus faoi Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna (I.R. Uimh, 15 de 1986 arna leasú) agus is féidir rochtain a fháil ar an eolas praiticiúil maidir leis an meicníocht athbhreithnithe faoin gceannteideal

'Publications - Judicial Review Notice' ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie nó ar shuíomh gréasáin Faisnéis do Shaoránaigh www.citizensinformation.ie

### Dáta 28 Márta 2022

Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ó:

Tionscadal Crosairí Comhréidhe Líne Chorcaí, F/ch Jacobs, Eastát Tionscail Mhachan, An Dúcharraig, Corcaigh, T12 HY54

R-phost: cllc@irishrail.ie

Suíomh gréasáin www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings



LEDP CEO Niall O'Callaghan, pictured with Dermot Laffan, Landowner/Farmer in Cappamore PICTURE: ALAN PLACE

# LEDP to plant 27,000 native Irish trees to offset carbon footprint

**CONSERVATION:** Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership (LEDP) will support the planting of 27,000 native Irish woodland trees across Limerick over the next 5 years. The announcement coincided with National Tree Week, a week-long programme from March 20-26 to promote the benefits of planting trees.

The trees will be planted in various locations across Limerick as identified by LEDP's partner SWS Forestry Services in conjunction with the Governments Woodland Environmental Fund Scheme. The native tree plantations will create a wildlife corridor for native species and enable grassland to revert to more natural vegetation, further enhancing biodiversity in the area.

# Funding to improve homes of older people and people with a disability

FUNDING: Limerick City and County Council is set to receive increased funding to continue its work in supporting older people and people with a disability to live independently.

The Housing Adaptation Grant is 80% exchequer funded through the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, with 20% funding from the relevant local authority. Limerick City and County Council will receive a total of €3,729,375.

Senator Maria Byrne said, "Grants of up to €30,000 are available to assist people with a disability in carrying out necessary works to make a house more suitable for their needs, up to €8,000 to assist older people to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out and up to €6,000 for mobility aids."

## New interactive walking map to include Limerick trails and walks

**ONLINE:** Munster Vales has launched a new Digital Interactive Walking Map which features over 90 great walking, heritage and cycling trails across the five mountain ranges of North Cork, East Limerick, South Tipperary and West Waterford.

The map is designed to make it easier for visitors to plan their trip to Munster Vales and to encourage visitors and locals to explore the captivating destination by highlighting the array of trails that are ready be explored by all levels of walkers.

Visitors can choose from walking the captivating forest walks within Ballyhoura, to the stunning trails along the coastline of the Waterford Greenway, to the majestic mountain views within the Glen of Aherlow, and the enigmatic river walk along the Blackwater.

Visit: https://munstervales.com/en/map-templates