



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

(TEN-T PRIORITY ROUTE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - DONEGAL) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 2026
FORM OF NOTICE OF A COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER UNDER SECTION 76 OF AND THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT, 1966, AS EXTENDED BY SECTION 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960, TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 (a) OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT, 1966 AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND UNDER SECTIONS 212 AND 213 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND SECTION 184 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED).

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Donegal County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the local authority") in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 76 of the Housing Act, 1966, and the Third Schedule thereto, as extended by section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 and as amended by section 6 and the Second Schedule to the Roads Act, 1993 and as amended by the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)), and under sections 212 and 213 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and section 184 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) have made an order entitled as above which is about to be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation.

If confirmed, the order will authorise the local authority to acquire compulsorily and permanently the land described in Parts I and IIa of the Schedule hereto ("the Schedule") and acquire compulsorily and temporarily the land described in Part IIb of the Schedule and acquire the private rights of way described in Part IV of the Schedule for the purposes of a proposed road development consisting of an upgrade of three sections of the national road network, namely (1) N15/N13 Ballybofey/Stranorlar Urban Region. (2) N56/N13 Letterkenny to Manorcunningham, and (3) N14 Manorcunningham to Lifford/Strabane/A5 Link together with all associated amenities including an integrated active travel network and all ancillary and consequential works associated with and known as the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal.

Owners, lessees and occupiers of the land and/or rights described in Parts I, II and IV of the Schedule will receive individual written notice.

The order will also authorise the local authority to extinguish the public rights of way described in Part III of the Schedule, by order made by it after it has acquired the land, where the said public rights of way are over the land so acquired or any part thereof, or over land adjacent to or associated with the land so acquired or any part thereof.

Any objection to the order should be made in writing to **An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902** so as to reach An Coimisiún Pleanála before **5:30pm on the 10th July 2026**.

An Coimisiún Pleanála cannot confirm:-

- (a) a compulsory purchase order in respect of the land if an objection is made in respect of the acquisition by an owner, lessee or occupier of the land, and not withdrawn;
- (b) an order which authorises the extinguishment of a public right of way if there is an objection to the extinguishment which is not withdrawn;
- (c) an order which authorises the acquisition of a private right if there is an objection to the acquisition of the private right by an owner, lessee or occupier of the private right which is not withdrawn,

until it has considered the objection(s).

An Coimisiún Pleanála has an absolute discretion under section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to hold an oral hearing.

Before making its decision on an application to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order, An Coimisiún Pleanála must consider any objection made and not withdrawn, any additional submissions or observations made pursuant to a request by An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 217A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and any report of the person who held the oral hearing, if such an oral hearing takes place.

An Coimisiún Pleanála, if it thinks fit, may confirm the compulsory acquisition or any part thereof, with or without conditions or modifications, or to annul the compulsory acquisition or any part thereof.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report, and a Natura Impact Statement, for which separate public notice has been given, have been prepared in respect of the development which it is proposed to carry out on the land. Evidence in relation to (i) the likely effects

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE DHÚN NA NGALL

(TIONSCADAL FEABHSÚCHÁIN BEALAÍ TOSAÍOCHTA TEN-T - DÚN NA NGALL) ORDÚ CEANNAIGH ÉIGEANTAIGH, 2026

FOIRM FHÓGRA I DTAOBH ORDÚ CEANNAIGH ÉIGEANTAIGH FAOI ALT 76 D'ACHT NA DTITHE, 1966, AGUS AN TRÍÚ SCEIDEAL A GHABHANN LEIS AN ACHT SIN, ARNA LEATHNÚ LE HALT 10 DEN ACHT RIALTAIS ÁITIÚIL (UIMH. 2), 1960, A FHOILSEOFAR DE RÉIR AIRTEAGAL 4 (A) DEN TRÍÚ SCEIDEAL A GHABHANN LE HACHT NA DTITHE, 1966 ARNA LEASÚ LEIS AN ACHT PLEANÁLA AGUS FORBARTHA, 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ) AGUS FAOI AILT 212 AGUS 213 DEN ACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ) AGUS FAOI ALT 184 DEN ACHT RIALTAIS ÁITIÚIL 2001 (ARNA LEASÚ).

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Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall (Tionscadal Feabhsúcháin Bealaí Tosaíochta TEN-T - Dún na nGall), 2026

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall (dá ngairtear "an t-údarás áitiúil" anseo feasta) i bhfeidhmiú na gcumhachtaí a thugtar dóibh le halt 76 d'Acht na dTithe, 1966, agus leis an Tríú Sceideal a ghabhann leis, arna leathnú le halt 10 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Uimh. 2), 1960 (arna ionadú le halt 86 d'Acht na dTithe, 1966 agus arna leasú le halt 6 agus leis an Dara Sceideal a ghabhann le hAcht na mBóithre, 1993 agus arna leasú leis an Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (arna leasú)), agus faoi ailt 212 agus 213 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú) agus alt 184 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil 2001 (arna leasú) tar éis ordú dar teideal mar atá thuas a dhéanamh agus atá ar tí a chur faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin Pleanála lena dhaingniú.

Má dhaingnítear leis an ordú, údaróidh sé don údarás áitiúil an talamh a thuiriscítear i gCodanna I agus IIa den Sceideal a ghabhann leis seo ("an Sceideal") a fháil go héigeantach agus go buan agus an talamh a thuiriscítear i gCuid IIb den Sceideal a fháil go héigeantach agus go sealadach agus na cearta slí príobháideacha a thuiriscítear i gCuid IV den Sceideal a fháil chun críocha forbartha bóthair bheartaithe arb éard í uasghrádú ar thrí chuid den bhóthar náisiúnta (1) Réigiún Uirbeach Bhealach Féich/Srath an Urláir N15/N13. (2) N56/N13 Leitir Ceanainn go Mainéar Uí Chuinneagáin, agus (3) N14 Mainéar Uí Chuinneagáin go Leifear/An Srath Bán/Nasc A5 mar aon leis na taitneamhachtaí gaolmhara go léir lena n-áirítear líonra taistil ghníomhaigh comhtháite agus na hoibreacha coimhdeacha agus iarmhartacha go léir a bhaineann le Tionscadal Feabhsúcháin Bealaí Tosaíochta TEN-T, Dún na nGall.

Gheobhaidh úinéirí, léasaithe agus áititheoirí na talún agus/nó na gcearta a thuiriscítear i gCodanna I, II agus IV den Sceideal fógra i scríbhinn aonair.

Údaróidh an t-ordú freisin don údarás áitiúil na cearta slí poiblí a thuiriscítear i gCuid III den Sceideal a mhúchadh, le hordú a dhéanfaidh sé tar éis dó an talamh a fháil, i gcás na cearta slí poiblí sin a bheith ar an talamh a fuarthas amhlaidh nó ar aon chuid de, nó ar thalamh atá in aice leis an talamh a fuarthas amhlaidh nó a bhaineann leis an talamh nó le haon chuid de.

Ba chóir aon agóid i gcoinne an ordaithe a dhéanamh i scríbhinn chuig **An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902** ionas go dtiocfaidh sé ar an Choimisiún Pleanála roimh **5:30pm ar 10 Iúil 2026**.

Ní féidir leis an Choimisiún Pleanála na rudaí seo a dhearbhu:-

- (a) ordú ceannaigh éigeantaigh i leith na talún má dhéantar agóid i leith úinéir, léasaí nó áititheoir a fháil ar an talamh, agus mura dtarraingítear siar é;
- (b) ordú lena n-údaraitear ceart slí poiblí a mhúchadh má tá agóid i gcoinne an mhúchta nach dtarraingeofar siar;
- (c) ordú lena n-údaraitear ceart príobháideach a fháil má bhíonn agóid ann i gcoinne úinéir, léasaí nó áititheoir an chirt príobháidigh a fháil nach dtarraingeofar siar, go dtí go mbeidh an agóid/na hagóidí breithnithe aige.

Tá lánrogha ag an Choimisiún Pleanála faoi alt 218 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú) éisteacht ó bhéal a thionól.

Sula ndéanann sé a chinneadh ar iarratas chun an tOrdú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh a dhaingniú, ní mór don Choimisiún Pleanála breithniú a dhéanamh ar aon agóid a rinneadh agus nár tarraingíodh siar, aon aighneachtaí nó tuairimí breise a rinneadh de bhun iarratais ón Choimisiún Pleanála faoi Alt 217A den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú) agus aon tuarascáil ón duine a réachtáil an éisteacht ó bhéal, má tharlaíonn éisteacht ó bhéal den sórt sin.

Féadfaidh an Coimisiún Pleanála, más cuí leis, an ceannach éigeantach nó aon chuid de, fara nó d'éagmais coinníollacha nó modhnuithe a dhaingniú, nó an ceannach éigeantach nó aon chuid de a neamhniú.

Ullmhaíodh Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta, agus Ráiteas Tionchair Natura, a bhfuil fógra poiblí ar leith tugtha ina leith, maidir leis an fhorbairt a bheartaitear

How garda and Interpol patience led to capture of Kinahan confidant McGovern

Operation's details have been revealed for the first time

ROBIN SCHILLER



Senior Kinahan cartel figure Sean McGovern was the target of an intelligence gathering operation tracking his movements and activities in Dubai for nearly two years before he was arrested.

Interpol has also revealed that McGovern (40) was taken into custody within an hour of the arrest warrant being issued to Dubai police in October, 2024.

The Dubliner became the first person to be arrested under an Interpol Red Notice issued by Irish authorities when he was extradited from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to face serious organised crime charges in Ireland.

He is awaiting sentencing before the Special Criminal Court after admitting directing the activities of a crime group that carried out the murder of an innocent grandfather and conspired to murder a rival Hutch gang member.

The non-jury court has also heard

how McGovern planned, oversaw and directed the murder of Noel 'Duck Egg' Kirwan (62) in December, 2016 after the "soft target" was shot dead on the orders of the Kinahan crime group.

For the first time, details of the lengthy operation to arrest McGovern and return him to Ireland have been revealed.

In an editorial published by Interpol this week, it said discussions were going on for several years before authorities lifted McGovern on October 10, 2024, as part of Operation Harvest.

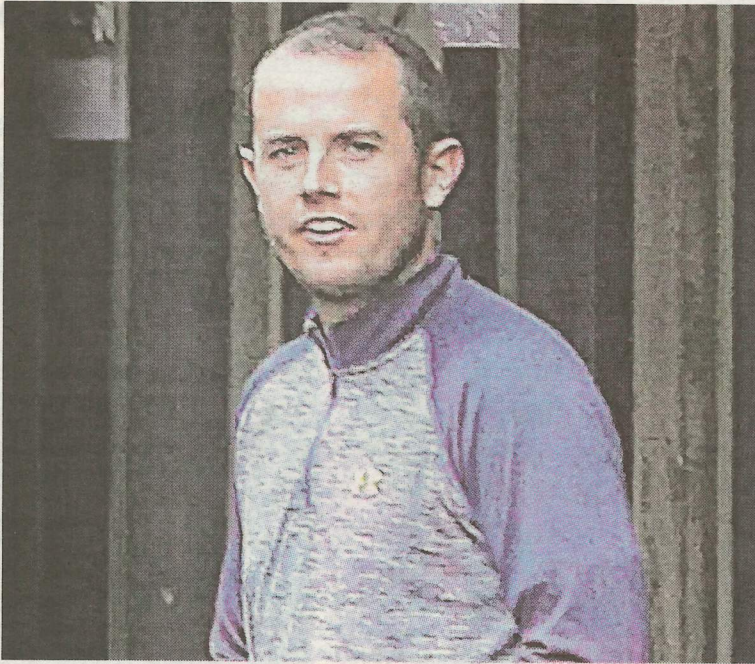
The international police agency said the first steps were taken nearly two years earlier during informal meetings between Interpol officers, Dubai police and An Garda Síochána.

Former garda Rory Corcoran, who is the co-ordinator of Interpol's financial crime team, said they needed to explore how Irish and UAE police "could best work together to secure Sean McGovern's arrest in full respect of the specific requirements of their two countries' different legal systems".

He added: "As it recognises Red Notices, the United Arab Emirates would be unable to make the arrest without one, while Ireland needed to ensure Red Notices were compliant with their own legal requirements."

After nearly two years of "high-level exchanges" in Dubai, Dublin and at Interpol's headquarters in Lyon, France, a meeting was held between then garda commissioner Drew Harris, his legal advisers and senior Interpol staff.

Yaron Gottlieb, the director of Interpol's Notices and Diffusions Taskforce (NDTF), said: "We were able to sit down with the commissioner's legal adviser and confirm the full legal framework around Red Notices.



Kinahan cartel figure Sean McGovern was arrested in Dubai

"Following that meeting, Operation Harvest began."

He also said Irish officials wanted to "fully understand the implications of requesting a Red Notice" before proceeding.

"This meant Irish authorities were able to request the publication of the Red Notice in line with Irish law and without obligation to arrest people in the future," Mr Gottlieb said.

McGovern had for several years been the subject of an Interpol Blue Notice while living in Dubai, which requests the collating of additional information

on a fugitive's identity, location and activities linked to a criminal investigation.

Mr Harris's successor, Justin Kelly, said McGovern's arrest and extradition were "a significant development in disrupting the Kinahan Organised Crime Gang".

"It shows how powerful the combination of international police collaboration and a tool like the Interpol Red Notice can be in tackling transnational organised crime," he said.

Interpol described McGovern as "once one of Ireland's most wanted criminals"

and a "senior member of the so-called Kinahan cartel, reputed to be one of Europe's most powerful transnational organised crime syndicates".

He fled to Dubai in April, 2017 after being questioned by gardaí about organised crime offences.

The Crumlin criminal was one of seven high-level Kinahan associates sanctioned by the US government in 2022 and described as Daniel Kinahan's "closest confidant", who managed his communications.

McGovern will be sentenced next month after pleading guilty to directing the activities of a criminal organisation involved in the murder of Mr Kirwan, who was shot dead in front of his partner outside their home in, Clondalkin, Dublin, on December 22, 2016.

The court has heard evidence of how McGovern directed surveillance on Mr Kirwan and tracked his movements using a laptop.

McGovern also admitted directing a criminal organisation to carry out surveillance of Hutch associate James 'Mago' Gately between October 17, 2015 and April 6, 2017.

A plot to murder Gately in his Belfast hideout was foiled after gardaí arrested Estonian hitman Imre Arakas, who arrived in Ireland to murder the target.

Cartel leader Daniel Kinahan (48) remains in custody in Dubai after being detained last month on foot of an arrest warrant issued under an international treaty between Ireland and the UAE that was formalised last year.

Kinahan will be charged before the Special Criminal Court with directing the activities of a criminal organisation, after he is returned to Ireland.



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on the environment of the proposed development, (ii) the implication of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development, and (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on European Sites may also be heard at the oral hearing, if any.

A copy of the order and of the maps referred to in it may be seen at:

- The offices of the Local Authority, County House, Lifford, F93 Y622
- The offices of the Local Authority, Public Services Centre, Letterkenny, F92 TNY3
- Twin Towns Community Library, The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar, F93 VAK6
- The offices of the Local Authority, Public Services Centre, Donegal Town, F94 DK6C
- The offices of the Local Authority, Public Services Centre, An Clochán Liath, F94 H4CF
- The offices of the Local Authority, Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, F93 YV1N
- An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902,

on working days during normal working hours at each venue from **15th May 2026 to 10th July 2026.**

A copy of the order and of the maps referred to in it are available on the following website www.donegal-ten-t.ie.

The Schedules referred to herein are available for inspection at the locations listed above and also at the above website.

Dated this 14th of May 2026

**BRIAN REID, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.**

a dhéanamh ar an talamh. Féadfar fianaise i ndáil le (i) na héifeachtaí is dóigh a bheidh ag an bhforbairt bheartaithe ar an chomhshaol, (ii) impleachtaí na forbartha beartaithe maidir le pleanáil chuí agus forbairt inbhuanaithe sa limistéar ina mbeartaítear an fhorbairt bheartaithe a shuíomh, agus (iii) na héifeachtaí suntasacha is dócha a bheidh ag an fhorbairt bheartaithe ar Láithreáin Eorpacha a éisteacht freisin ag an éisteacht ó bhéal, más ann dó.

Is féidir cóip den ordú agus de na léarscáileanna dá dtagraítear ann a fheiceáil ag:

- Oifigí an Údaráis Áitiúil, Teach an Chontae, Leifear, F93 Y622
- Oifigí an Údaráis Áitiúil, Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí, Leitir Ceanainn, F92 TNY3
- Leabharlann Phobail na Nascbhailte, Ionad Fiontraíochta na Bunáite, Srath an Urláir, F93 VAK6
- Oifigí an Údaráis Áitiúil, Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí, Baile Dhún na nGall, F94 DK6C
- Oifigí an Údaráis Áitiúil, Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí, An Clochán Liath, F94 H4CF
- Oifigí an Údaráis Áitiúil, Ionad Seirbhísí Poiblí, Carn Domhnach, F93 YV1N
- An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 V902,

Ar laethanta oibre le linn gnáthuaireanta oibre ag gach ionad ó **15 Bealtaine 2026 go 10 Iúil 2026.**

Tá cóip den ordú agus de na léarscáileanna dá dtagraítear ann ar fáil freisin ar an suíomh gréasáin seo a leanas www.donegal-ten-t.ie.

Tá na Sceidil dá dtagraítear anseo ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh ag na suíomhanna liostaithe thuas agus fosta ar an tsuíomh gréasáin thuas.

Dar dáta an lá seo 14 Bealtaine 2026

**BRIAN REID, INNEALTÓIR FEIDHMIÚCHÁIN SINSEARACH,
AR SON AGUS THAR CEANN AN ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚIL.**