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Over the past two years the community and visitors to Doonass have been denied access to the River Shannon and access to what is known as the "CEAD MILE FAILTE" steps and gate. This therefore prevents access to the river walk from Doonass to Castleconnell. Historically all visitors local and non locals would have unimpeded access to upriver and down river walks along the river bank. This access is prevented by the erection of fencing and locked gates without planning permission by the new current owners of the former Anglers Rest Public House (Now a private dwelling). The beautiful stone wall and steps leading to the river walk may need to be considered "protected structure" to prevent removal and or interference. This now gated and locked access is also the access point to the river for licenced ESB fishermen. Wildlife habitat is continuously being destroyed with the removal of crags and hedgerows and as a consequence there is a serious decline wildlife.

The obvious disappearance of the corncrake and the decline in bird life numbers is now being quickly followed by the serious decline in numbers of the Curlew (not to mention the cuckoo) that were yearly visitor to the Clonlara area and in particular Errina bog for nesting. The arrival of the curlew every year was announced by its call which is now becoming very rare. Errina bridge once devoid of any water penetration from above now has water penetration through the beautiful stone work as a result of pipework been laid above and may have an adverse effect in due course - structure inspection required. Under Errina bridge in the canal itself an organisation (Waterways Ireland ?) installed an unsightly "temporary" timber wall that is now in position for approximately 10 years - Works around the adjacent lock carried out by Waterway Ireland to fence off the lock for safety purposes is now overgrown and requires more work and possible replacing of existing lock wall with lock gates.

Location Map



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