

Board Direction BD-005256-20 ABP-305631-19

At a meeting held on 25/02/2020, the Board considered:

- (a) the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order,
- (b) the provisions of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC),
- (c) the policies and objectives set out in the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021,
- (d) the deficiencies in the existing water services infrastructure in Ahascragh and the need to improve the quality of wastewater from the town's wastewater treatment plan,
- (e) the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order,
- (f) the community need, public interest served and overall benefits to be achieved from the proposed development,
- (g) the submissions and observations made at the oral hearing,
- (h) the documents and submissions on file generally,

(i) the report and recommendation of the Inspector.

It is considered that the permanent rights of way, the permanent wayleaves, and temporary working areas to be acquired by Irish Water on the lands in question, as set out in the order, schedules and on the deposit maps, are necessary for the purposes stated in the order and that the objection cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity

The Board decided to confirm the Order without modification.

Note: The Board noted that the overall areas and widths of the respective plots, including those related to the permanent wayleave are as described in the documentation on file.

Chris McGarry