



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-005974-20
ABP-305689-19

At a meeting held on 18/06/2020, the Board considered the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, entitled the Louth County Council, Mount Avenue Link Road, Compulsory Purchase Order 2019, the report of the Inspector who held the oral hearing and the documents and submissions on file generally.

The Board decided to confirm the Order, based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the modifications set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having considered the objections made to the CPO and having regard to the following:

- (a) The purpose of the compulsory acquisition for road improvements including new road construction, provision of new pedestrian and cycle facilities, carriageway widening, junction improvement and the closure of Mount Avenue to vehicular traffic at Farrandreg;
- (b) The community need, public interest served and overall benefits to be achieved from the proposed road improvement works;
- (c) The existing deficiencies in the road network serving this area in terms of width, alignment and lack of provision of pedestrians and cyclists and the resultant improvements in road safety facilitated by the acquisition of lands;

(d) The policies and objectives of the Dundalk and Environs Development Plan 2009 – 2015 and the Louth County Development Plan 2015 – 2021;

(e) The relevant provisions of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region 2019;

(f) The objections received and the submissions and observations made at the Oral Hearing held on the 3rd day of March 2020; and

(g) The report and recommendation of the Inspector.

it is considered that, subject to the modifications set out in the schedule to this Order, the acquisition by the Local Authority of the lands which are the subject of the Compulsory Purchase Order, and the extinguishment of the public rights-of-way included in the Order, are necessary for the purposes stated and the said objections cannot be sustained against this necessity.

Schedule

The Plot Numbers set out in Part 1.a of the Schedule to the Compulsory Purchase Order shall be modified in accordance with the details submitted by the local authority to An Bord Pleanála at the oral hearing on the 03/03/2020, and confirmed in the further Amended Schedule submitted to An Bord Pleanála on 09/03/220, in respect of the following plot numbers:

i. Plot 102a.01

ii. Plot 117l.01

iii. Plots 118a.01, 118g.02, 118a.03, 118a.04, 118g.05, 118n.06, 118a.07, 118b.08, 118b.09, 118h.10

iv. Plot 119a.01, 119b.02

v. Plot 135a.01,

vi. Plot 152a.01, 150l.02, 148l.04.

and furthermore, Plot 149b.01 shall be omitted from Part 1.a of the Schedule,

Reason: To ensure that the acquisition of the lands by the local authority is consistent with the stated need and purpose for same.

Board Member:

Date: 18/06/2020

Dave Walsh