

**An
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Pleanála**

**Board Direction
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At a meeting held on 21/04/2021, the Board considered the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, 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 without modification, based on the reasons and considerations set out under.

Reasons and Considerations

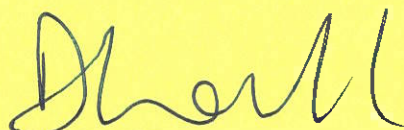
Having considered the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order for the N20 O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Scheme and having regard to the following:

- (a) The purpose of the compulsory acquisition for the N20 O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Scheme which has been subject to the provisions of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and approved under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and which provides for the replacement of the existing junction between the N20 and the R518 by means of a proposed 4-arm roundabout and the associated realignment of the N20,
- (b) The present substandard and hazardous configuration of the existing junction between the N20 and the R518, the delays that arise in accessing the N20 from the R518, and the virtual absence of pedestrian and cyclist facilities,

- (c) The community need, public interest served and overall benefits, especially in terms of traffic management and road safety, to be achieved from the proposed road improvement works,
- (d) The design of the proposed road improvement works constituting a design response that is proportionate to the identified need,
- (e) Policies and objectives of the Limerick County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (as extended),
- (f) The written submissions made to the Board and the submissions and observations made at the oral hearing held on the 2nd day of February 2021, and
- (g) The report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the compulsory acquisition of the lands and the extinguishment of public and private rights of way, comprised in the Compulsory Purchase Order for the N20 O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Scheme, by the Local Authority are necessary for the purpose stated in this Order and that the objections raised to it cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity.

Board Member:



Date: 21/04/2021

Dave Walsh