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**Board Direction**  
**ABP-307443-20**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 23/09/2020.

The Board decided not to direct the road authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment report in respect of the proposed development of a pedestrian and cycle bridge at the Salmon Weir Bridge between Gaol Road and Newtownsmith in Galway City, for the following reasons and considerations set out below.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the following:

- (a) The criteria set out in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (b) The nature and limited scale of the development which is below the threshold for prescribed road development set out in article 8(b) of the Roads Regulations 1994, as amended,
- (c) The location of the development in a built-up area and the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,
- (d) The limited potential for significant effects on the environment, and
- (e) The submission of the planning authority,

the Board considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report is not, therefore, required.

**Board Member:**

**Date:** 23/09/2020

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Dave Walsh

Note:

Taking account of the conclusion of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and the intention to carry out a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, the Board considered that the impacts likely to arise, including potential impacts on European sites and the likely consequences for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area arising from impacts on the landscape, visual amenities, architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage, can be addressed in a section 177AE application to the Board.