

## Board Direction BD-007858-21 ABP-307931-20

At a meeting held on 09/04/2021, the Board considered:

- (a) the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order,
- (b) the report of the Inspector who held the oral hearing and
- (c) the documents and submissions on file generally.

The Board decided to confirm the Order without modification, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having considered the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, and not withdrawn, the report and recommendation of the Inspector who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order, and having regard to the following:

(a) The substandard structure and safety of the existing route;

(b) The strategic nature of the scheme in the context of providing increased connectivity to large rural settlements;

(c) The improvements of road safety resulting from the scheme;

(d) The community need, public interest served and overall benefits to be achieved from the proposed development;

(e) The chosen route for the R498 realignment works which constitutes a design response that is proportionate to the identified need;

(f) The policies and objectives of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2010-2016; and

(g) The submissions and observations made at the Oral Hearing held on the 1st and 2nd December 2020;

it is considered that the acquisition of permanent and temporary areas by Tipperary County Council on the lands in question, as set out in the Order and on the deposited maps, are necessary for the purposes stated and the objections cannot be sustained, having regard to the said necessity.

**Board Member:** 

**Date:** 09/04/2021

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