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Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/10/2021.

The Board decided NOT TO DIRECT the road authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment report in respect of the proposed road development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (a) the location of the site on lands that are covered by the Louth County Development Plan 2015 to 2021 and the Ardee Local Area Plan 2010 to 2016, and the results of the strategic environmental assessment of this plan undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the SEA Directive,
- (b) the nature, linear scale and location of the proposed development,
- (c) the design and construction methodology response to the natural heritage in the surrounding area,
- (d) the substantial separation distance to any designated European Sites,
- (e) the project details provided by Louth County Council,
- (f) the guidance set out the '*Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold*

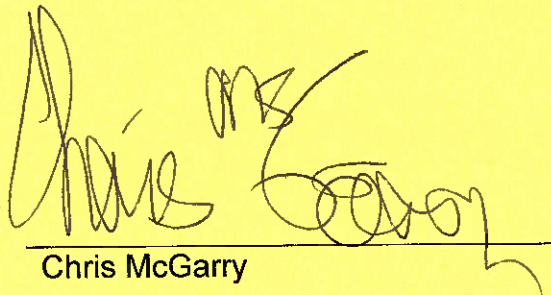
Development' issued by the Department of the Environment,
Heritage and Local Government,

(g) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and 7A of the Planning and
Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and

(h) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is 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



Chris McGarry

Date: 15/10/2021