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**Board Direction  
BD-011545-22  
ABP-311409-21**

At a meeting held on 07/12/2022, 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 with modifications as submitted by Louth County Council to the Board on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having considered the written objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, the report and recommendation of the Inspector who conducted the Oral Hearing into the objections, and having regard to the following:

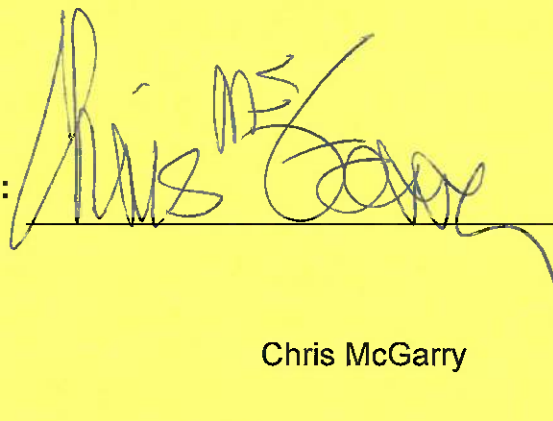
- a) the purpose of the compulsory acquisition of lands for the 'Carlingford Lough Greenway, Omeath to Border, Compulsory Purchase Order 2021',
- b) the community need, public interest served and overall benefits that would be derived, particularly in terms of encouraging and facilitating active travel, promoting tourism and healthy living, enabling more sustainable forms of

mobility on a cross-border basis, increasing cross-border commuting by cycling and walking, improving cross-border social cohesion, improving cyclist safety through the construction of a predominantly 'off-road' shared cycle / pedestrian network, and reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions,

- c) the design of the proposed greenway that is proportionate to the identified need,
- d) the policies and objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027, which are not materially contravened, and
- e) the modifications submitted to the Board by Louth County Council on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022, and
- f) the submissions and observations made at the Oral Hearing held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022, and
- g) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the permanent and temporary compulsory acquisition of the lands comprising the Compulsory Purchase Order by the Louth County Council are necessary for the purpose stated in the Order, Schedule, and Deposited Maps, and that the objections cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity.

**Board Member:**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris McGarry', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a large flourish that extends downwards and to the right.

**Date:** 07/12/2022

Chris McGarry