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Pleanála

Board Direction
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At a meeting held on 21/07/2023, 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 the modifications submitted by Louth County Council on 5th January 2023, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

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 for the N53 Hackballscross to Rassan Compulsory Purchase Order 2021 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,

- b) The community need, public interest served and overall benefits, especially in terms of traffic road safety, to be achieved from the proposed road improvement works,
- c) The design of the proposed road improvement works constituting a design response that is proportionate to the identified need,
- d) The policies and objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- e) the modifications submitted to the Board on 5th January 2023,
- f) The submissions and observations made at the oral hearing held on 10th January 2023
- g) The report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the permanent and temporary compulsory acquisition of the lands and the extinguishment of public rights of ways and private rights of ways, comprised in the Compulsory Purchase Order for the N53 Hackballscross to Rassan, by the Local Authority are necessary for the purpose stated in the order, schedules and on the deposit maps, are necessary for the purposes stated in the order and that the objection cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity

Board Member: Eamonn James Kelly **Date:** 21/07/2023
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