

An
Bord
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 12/05/2022.

The Board decided not to direct the road authority to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of road improvements to take place at Ship-Pool Bends on the R605 Regional Route c3km south of the village of Inishannon, County Cork based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

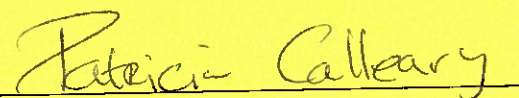
Having regard to the following:

- (a) the information provided by the Road Authority to An Bord Pleanála,
- (b) the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, as amended,
- (c) the nature and scale of the proposed road development, which is below the thresholds for mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment set out in section 50(1)(a) of the Roads Act 1993, as amended, and article 8 of the Roads Regulations 1994, as amended,
- (d) Annex III of EU Directive 2014/52/EU of 16th April 2014, amending Directive 2011/92/EU (the EIA Directive) on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Public and Private Projects on the Environment,
- (e) the document 'EIA of Projects - Guidance on Screening' (2017) issued by the European Commission,

- (f) the document 'Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development' issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in August 2003,
- (g) the characteristics of the proposed road development, the use of and the widening of an existing alignment of Regional Road over a distance of circa 450 metres,
- (h) the nature and characteristics of the receiving environment and the surrounding area,
- (i) The submissions made by the applicant requesting a determination and by the local authority, and
- (j) the report and recommendation of the Board's Inspector,

it is considered that the proposed road 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


Patricia Calleary

Date: 13/05/2022