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**Board Direction**  
**BD-016010-24**  
**ABP-313894-22**

At a meeting held on 05/04/2024, the Board considered the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, the report of the Inspector, the written submissions and observations made at the Oral Hearing held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2023, the documents and submissions on file generally, the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the compulsory purchase order, to provide for the N54 Tullygrimes to Annaghervy Road Realignment and also having regard to the following;

- (i) The constitutional and European Human Rights Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (ii) Existing road conditions which are characterised by a restricted width, limited visibility making it dangerous for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists and resulting in high collision rates.
- (iii) The approval of the N54 Tullygrimes to Annaghervy Road Realignment under the Part 8 process (PA Ref: 18/8015),
- (iv) 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,
- (v) The design response, which has been appropriately tailored to the identified need,
- (vi) The suitability of the lands and the necessity of their acquisition to facilitate the provision of the N54 Tullygrimes to Annaghervy Road Realignment
- (vii) Policy Objective 6.8 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly 2020-2032 specifically identifies

the upgrade of the N54/A3 Cavan to Monaghan Town as a priority project and identifies the route as one of several key strategic Cross Border Transport Corridors within the border region that require further investment.

- (viii) The policies and objectives of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 including Objective S0 8 which seeks: *“To maintain the strategic capacity and safety of the national roads network and to safeguard the investment in national roads”* and Table 7.1 which specifically identifies N54 Tullygrimes to Annaghervy (Tullybryan) realignment as a Remaining Un-realigned Sections of National Routes.
- (ix) The modifications submitted to the Board on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2023,

it is considered that subject to modifications, the permanent and temporary acquisition of the land in question and the extinguishment of public rights of way, as set out in the Order, Schedule (Parts I, II and III) and on the deposited map by Monaghan County Council, as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the deposited maps, is necessary for the purpose stated, which is a legitimate objective being pursued in the public interest, and that the CPO and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners are proportionate to that objective and justified by the exigencies of the common good.

In reaching this conclusion, the Board agrees with and adopts the analysis contained in the report of the person who conducted the oral hearing into the objections.

The Board decided to confirm the Order with the modifications submitted to the Board at the Oral Hearing on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

Board Member:

  
Mick Long

Date: 08/04/2024