

Board Direction BD-013192-23 ABP-317229-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/08/2023.

The Board determined that the development proposed to be carried out by Limerick City & County Council would be likely to have significant effects on the environment and the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report is required for the reasons and considerations set out under. The Board directs the road authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment report in respect of the above proposed road development.

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the following:

- (a) the location of the site on lands that are covered by the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028, and the results of the strategic environmental assessment of this plan undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive,
- (b) the project details provided by Limerick City & County Council,
- (c) the proximity to designated European Sites,
- (d) 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,

- (e) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and
  - (f) the report and recommendation of the Inspector, it is considered that the proposed road development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report is, therefore, required.

**Board Member** 

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Date: 10/08/2023