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**Direction**  
**CD-021982-26**  
**ABP-318217-23**

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At a meeting held on 05/03/2026, the Commission considered:

- (a) the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order,
- (b) the reports of the Inspectors including the report of the original inspector who held an oral hearing into the matter
- (c) the documents and submissions on file generally.

The Commission decided to confirm the Order subject to the modifications set out below

#### **Reasons and Considerations**

It is considered that the land take is reasonable and proportional to the stated purpose of the N6 Galway City Ring Road development. The Commission is satisfied that the process and procedures undertaken by Galway County Council have been fair and reasonable and it has demonstrated the need for the lands and that all the lands being acquired, subject to the modifications set out in the Schedule, are both necessary and suitable.

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order, the report of the Inspector who considered the objections, the purpose of the compulsory purchase order to facilitate the delivery of the Galway City Ring Road, and also having regard to:

- (i) the constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (ii) the strategic need of the scheme in the context of Galway Transport Strategy,
- (iii) the community need, and public interest served and overall benefits, including benefits to road users to be achieved from use of the acquired lands,
- (iv) the proportionate design response to the identified need which requires it to be constructed in accordance with design standards with a consistent cross section with full stopping sight distances along its length and appropriate junction and accesses with visibility in accordance with said design standards,
- (v) the suitability of the lands and the necessity of their acquisition to facilitate the provision of the Galway City Ring Road,
- (vi) the policies and objectives of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 and Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 as well as European, national and regional level policies,
- (vii) the submissions made to the Commission, and,
- (viii) the supplementary Inspector's Report and recommendation of the Inspector, initial Inspector's Report of 2021 and supplementary and initial reporting of specialist ecologists and hydrogeologist,

it is considered that the acquisition of these lands on a permanent and temporary basis, restriction, acquisition and interference of rights of way, by Galway County Council on behalf of itself and Galway City 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 Compulsory Purchase Order 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 Commission agrees with and adopts the analysis contained in the reports of the persons who conducted the assessment of the objections.

## SCHEDULE

The Compulsory Purchase Order associated with the N6 Galway City Ring Road Protected Road Scheme 2018 and the N6 Galway City Ring Road Motorway Scheme 2018 shall be modified as follows:

1. Plots 123a.202 and 123b.201 shall be removed:

**Reason:** To reduce the extent of acquisition in respect of landholdings, where it is considered that lands surplus to the identified purpose were sought to be acquired.

**Planning**

**Commissioner:**

**Date:** 05/03/2026

  
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