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**Board Direction**  
**BD-019645-25**  
**ABP-320230-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report, including the report on the Oral Hearing on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were considered at a Board meeting held on 12/05/2025.

The Board decided to confirm the above Compulsory Purchase Order without modification based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

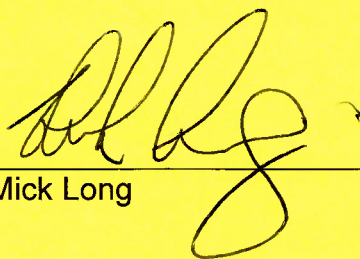
Having considered the written objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, the submissions made at the oral hearing, the report and recommendation of the Inspector who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, and having regard to the following:

- (a) the constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (b) the purpose of the compulsory acquisition of lands entitled 'Galway County Council (Connemara Greenway Project – Clifden to Oughterard, County Galway) Compulsory Purchase Order Number 2 / 2024)',
- (c) the community need, public interest served and overall benefits that would be derived, particularly in terms of encouraging and facilitating active travel, promoting tourism and healthy living, enabling more sustainable forms of mobility, increasing commuting by cycling and walking, improving social cohesion, improving cyclist safety through the construction of a predominantly 'off-road' shared cycle/pedestrian network, and reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions,

- (d) the design of the proposed greenway that is proportionate to the identified need,
- (e) the policies and objectives of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which are not materially contravened,
- (f) the submissions and observations made at the oral hearing held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2024, and,
- (g) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the compulsory acquisition of the lands comprising the Compulsory Purchase Order by Galway County Council and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners are proportionate and justified by the exigencies of the common good necessary for completion of this section of the Connemara Greenway Scheme for the purpose stated in the Order, Schedule, and deposited maps, and that the objections cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity.

**Board Member**



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Mick Long

**Date:** 12/05/2025