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Direction
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ABP-321417-24

At a meeting held on 12/11/2025, the Commission considered:

- (a) the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order,
- (b) the report of the Inspector who held the oral hearing and
- (c) the documents and submissions on file generally.

The Commission decided to confirm the Order subject to the modifications set out below based on the following reasons and considerations,

Reason and Considerations

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 N80 Leagh Bends Scheme, and also having regard to:

- (i) the Constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (ii) the substandard infrastructure provided for along the existing route,

- (iii) the strategic nature of the scheme as an identified project under National and Regional plans,
- (iv) the community need, and public interest served and overall benefits, including benefits to a range of road users to be achieved from use of the acquired lands,
- (v) the proportionate design response to the identified need,
- (vi) the suitability of the lands and the necessity of their acquisition to facilitate the provision of the N80 Leagh Bends Scheme,
- (vii) the policies and objectives of the Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028,
- (viii) the likely consequences for the environment and any likely significant effects of the proposed development on European Sites with reference to the parallel appropriate assessment set out in Inspector's report ABP-321416-24,
- (ix) the submissions made to the Commission both in writing and at the oral hearing on the 11th day of September 2025,
- (x) the report and recommendation of the Inspector for applications references ABP-321417-24 and ABP-321416-24,

it is considered that the acquisition of these lands on a permanent and temporary basis, restriction, acquisition and interference of rights of way, by Carlow County Council, as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the deposited maps, subject to the modifications and amendments set out in the schedule below 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 report of the person who conducted the assessment of the public observations and oral hearing and agrees to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order.

SCHEDULE

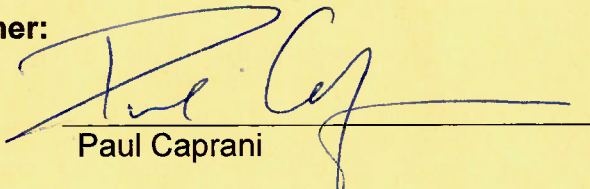
The compulsory purchase order shall be modified in accordance with the amendments to the Compulsory Purchase Order Schedules submitted by the local authority at the oral hearing on 11th day of September 2025 and as follows;

Plot No. 122f.201 shall not be permanently acquired but shall be temporarily acquired for the duration of the works being carried out in the vicinity of the site as part of the road improvement scheme.

Reason: It is considered that the entire plot is not required to be permanently acquired for the purposes of carrying out the road improvement scheme.

Planning

Commissioner:


Paul Caprani

Date: 12/11/2025