An Coimisiún Pleanála

Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Commission meeting held on 09/11/2026.

The Commission considered:

(a) the objections made to the compulsory acquisition,

(b) the report of the Inspector and

(c) the documents and submissions on file generally.

The Commission decided to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the portion of the land comprising the privately run car park accessed from Holborn Streer, with modifications including with the omission of properties at Numbers 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 67 Holborn Street, Sligo as indicated on the CPO Map 'Sligo City Campus Regeneration Project_SCCRP 100,'.

Reasons and Considerations

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order, the submissions on file and observations made to the Oral Hearing held on 18th September 2026, the purpose of the compulsory purchase order to acquire lands identified for regeneration to facilitate the 'City Campus' project, and also having regard to

(i) the constitutional and European Human Rights Convention protection afforded to property rights,

(ii) the strategic importance of the scheme, in the context of the transformation and regeneration of underutilised town centre lands to provide for cultural, educational, commercial and residential uses, thereby facilitating a new focal point for civic, cultural and economic activity in Sligo town,

(iii) the identified community need, public interest served and overall benefits of the proposal,

(iv) the suitability of the lands for the 'City Campus' project,

(v) the policies and objectives of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, including Strategic Objective SO-RGC-7 which specifically relates to the regeneration of the subject lands, and

(vi) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that subject to the modifications to the Order as set out, the acquisition of the privately run car park accessed from Holborn Street by the Local Authority is necessary in order to facilitate the regeneration of this area in accordance with the provisions of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the CPO Map, 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.The acquisition of the privately run car park is therefore confirmed for the reasons above.

The Local Authority has confirmed that the acquisition of the properties at Numbers 10, 12, 13, 14,15 and 67 Holborn Street are not critical to the core elements of the 'City Campus' project, and therefore would not prejudice its delivery. In this context, it is concluded that the acquisition of properties at Numbers 10, 12,13,14,15 and 67 Holborn Street would have a disproportionate impact on the landowners and would be disproportionate to the objective being pursued. The compulsory acquisition of properties at Numbers 10,12, 13, 14, 15 and 67 Holborn Street, Sligo is therefore not confirmed for the reasons above.

Planning Commissioner: Patricia Calleary

Date: 09/11/2026

Patricia Calleary