



## Board Direction 20.CH3253

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At a meeting held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Board 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 Board decided to confirm the Order, as recommended by the Inspector and subject to the Modification set out in the Schedule below, for the following Reasons and Considerations:-

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order and not withdrawn, the report of the person who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the compulsory purchase order and also having regard to:

- (a) the provisions of the National Spatial Strategy for Ireland 2002 - 2020 and Smarter Travel - A Sustainable Transport Future - A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009 – 2020;
- (b) the provisions of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region 2010 - 2022, including Objective IO5 which seeks to upgrade and improve all national secondary roads including the N60;
- (c) the policies and objectives of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 - 2020, including Objectives 4.22, 4.23 and 4.28;
- (d) the serious deficiencies in geometric alignment of the existing N60 between Fearaghafin to Roscommon, as noted in the National Secondary Roads Needs Study – West Region 2011, and the

identification of the Ballymoe to Roscommon section of the N60 as a priority 2 scheme in the same document;

- (e) the community need, public interest served, and overall benefits to be achieved from the proposed road development;
- (f) the design and alignment of the proposed road, constituting a design response that is proportionate to the identified need,
- (g) the submissions and observations made at the Oral Hearing held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2016.

It is considered that, subject to the modification set out in the Schedule below, the permanent and temporary acquisition of the lands in question by the local authority and the extinguishment of public rights of way, as set out in the order, and on the deposited maps, are reasonable and necessary for the purposes stated and the objections cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity.

#### **Schedule**

Plot numbers 105c.01, 110a.01, 125a.01, 155b.01 and 200h.01, as referred to in the compulsory purchase order, shall be modified and sub-divided as indicated in the Amendments to Compulsory Order Schedule Part IB, and in the revised maps submitted by Roscommon County Council to An Bord Pleanála at the oral hearing on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2016.

**Reason:** To take account of landowners' requests and updated information made available.

Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Philip Jones