



## Board Direction

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**Ref: 09.HD0038**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The Board decided to direct the road authority to prepare an environmental impact statement in respect of the proposed road, generally in accordance with the recommendation of the Inspector and in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

### REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (i) Article 27 of the European Communities (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1989, as amended,
- (ii) the Roads Regulations 1994, as amended, and Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (iii) the "Environmental Impact Assessment Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold Development" issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2003),
- (iv) the submission made to An Bord Pleanála by the road authority,
- (v) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,
- (vi) the environmental, landscape, heritage and residential sensitivity of the receiving environment, including the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation and the Grand Canal proposed Natural Heritage Area, and the location partly in a floodplain and on the route of the Barrow Way,
- (vii) the nature, scale and characteristics of the proposed development, including significant bridge crossings, multiple road junctions, and involving works to structures of architectural heritage, and
- (viii) the characteristics of potential environmental impacts on ecology, European Sites, protected species, on the fabric and settings of features of architectural heritage, visual impact on the townscape, riverscape, the Barrow Way and on seven protected views, urban severance, the transportation network, flooding and floodplain storage, and on the community and on dwellings.

It is, therefore, considered that the proposed road would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, and that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is required.

Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Fionna O' Regan