



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

Board Order  
ABP-302885-18

Roads Acts, 1993 to 2015

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

**APPLICATION** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, from Galway County Council pursuant to section 47 of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended, for approval of a scheme entitled “**N6 Galway City Ring Road Motorway Scheme 2018 and Protected Road Scheme 2018.**”

### Decision

**APPROVE** the said motorway scheme and protected road scheme subject to the modifications set out in the Schedule below based on the reasons and considerations set out under.

## Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having considered the objections made to the Motorway Scheme, the report of the persons who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, the purpose of the Motorway Scheme, and also having regard to:

- (a) the need to provide a road that is designed and constructed in accordance with current design standards with a consistent cross section with full stopping sight distances along its length and appropriate junctions and accesses with visibility in accordance with current design standards,
- (b) 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,
- (c) the provisions of the National Planning Framework – Project Ireland 2040, the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021 and the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023 and the policies and objectives stated therein, which specifically identify the proposed road development,
- (d) the proportionate design response to the identified need,
- (e) the submissions and observations made to the Scheme and at the oral hearing, and
- (f) the report and recommendation of the Inspectors,

it is considered that, subject to the modifications as set out in the Schedule below, the acquisition by the local authority of the lands in question, and the extinguishment of public rights of way, as set out in the Motorway Scheme and on the deposited maps, are necessary for the purposes stated, and that the objections cannot be sustained having regard to the said necessity.

## SCHEDULE

The Scheme shall be modified in accordance with the revised schedules and associated deposit maps submitted by the Road Authority to An Bord Pleanála at the oral hearing on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, except as follows:

- (i) Plot numbers 123a.202 and 123b.201 shall be removed.
- (ii) Plot number 195a.202 shall be subject to permanent acquisition save for the portion accommodating the final regraded entrance to the existing dwelling which shall be subject to temporary acquisition.
- (iii) Plot number 246a.203 shall be subject to permanent acquisition save for the portion accommodating the piped outfall which shall be subject to temporary acquisition with an associated wayleave agreement in favour of the Road Authority.
- (iv) Plot number 651a.202 shall be reduced in area so as to include only those lands required for the construction of the northern portion of Access Road 13/02 along the alignment of the existing bóithrín.
- (v) Plot number 713a.203 shall be subject to temporary acquisition.

(vi) Plot number 713a.204, Plot number 713a.101 and Plot number 713b.101 shall be subject to temporary acquisition to a depth of 1.5 metres below ground level and subject to permanent acquisition to a depth beyond 1.5 metres below ground level.

**Reason:** To take account of updated information in respect of land ownership and commitments made in the course of the oral hearing, and to reduce the extent of acquisition or change the nature of acquisition from permanent to temporary in respect of landholdings, where it is considered that lands surplus to the identified purpose were sought to be acquired.



Chris McGarry



Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.

Dated this *11th* day of *December* 2021