

Board Order ABP-306348-20

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

APPLICATION by Brian Hodkinson of 2 Brook Road, Reboge, Limerick requesting An Bord Pleanála to consider and determine, in accordance with its powers under article 120(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether the local authority should be directed to prepare an environmental impact assessment report in respect of a proposed development of a new canal bridge to provide two-way traffic flow between Canal Bank, Park Road and Lower Park Road, Limerick.

DECISION

NOT TO DIRECT the local authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment report in respect of the said proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (a) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (b) the limited nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (c) the location of the site and the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,
- (d) the limited potential for significant impacts arising from the proposed development,
- (e) the guidance set out in the "Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development" issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in August 2003,
- (f) the submissions made in this case by the applicant for screening determination and by the planning authority, and
- (g) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and, therefore, that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report is not required.

Dave Walsh

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

Dated this day of 2020