

An
Bord
Pleanála

**Board Order
ABP-306355-20**

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Applicant: Irish Water

Application received by An Bord Pleanála on the 9th day of January, 2020 from Irish Water pursuant to section 76 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Housing Act, 1966 as extended by section 10 of the Local Government (No.2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966) and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020, for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **Irish Water Compulsory Purchase (Roundstone Sewerage Scheme) Order, 2019**.

DECISION

CONFIRM the above Compulsory Purchase Order based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

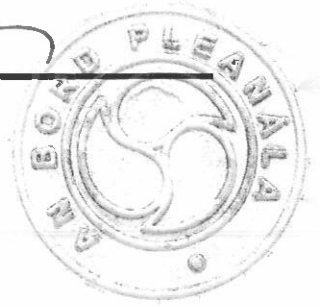
REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the purpose of the Compulsory Purchase Order, the community need that is to be met by the acquisition of the lands in question, the suitability of those lands to serve the community need, the consideration of alternative methods of meeting the community need which are not demonstrably preferable, the compliance of the works to be carried out with the Northern and Western Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032 and the policy and objectives of the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021, and the proportionality and necessity of the level of acquisition proposed, it is considered that the permanent acquisition by Irish Water of lands, wayleaves over lands, and rights of way over lands, and the temporary acquisition of rights over lands, as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order and on the deposited maps, is necessary for the purpose stated, and that the objections cannot be sustained having regard to the said necessity.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to annul the Compulsory Purchase Order, the Board considered that it had not been demonstrated that there are other sites within the village of Roundstone which are more suitable to accommodate a wastewater treatment plant and associated infrastructure including the location of pumping stations, or that there are alternative methods of meeting the community need which are demonstrably preferable. In particular, it is considered that the preferred site for the wastewater treatment plant is demonstrably preferable on the basis that it facilitates the sustainable reuse of the existing Irish Water outfall, avoids significant disturbances along Main Street during the construction period, provides for better connectivity with Irish Water's existing sewer Network 1 which discharges to the north of the village and has been found to be intact and fit for reuse as part of the proposed scheme, and significantly lowers the risk of encountering archaeology. In addition, the Board was satisfied that the works to be carried out would comply with the Northern and Western Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032 and the policy and objectives of the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021.

John Connolly

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



Dated this *3rd* day of *MARCH* 2022