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**Roads Acts, 1993 to 2015**

**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020**

**Planning Authority: Galway City Council**

**Application** received by An Bord Pleanála from Galway City Council requesting it to exercise its powers under section 50(1)(b) of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended, seeking a direction from An Bord Pleanála as to whether or not the proposal to construct a pedestrian and cycle bridge at the Salmon Weir bridge between Goal Road and Newtownsmith in Galway city requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

### **Decision**

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

### **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.

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the following:

- (a) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (b) the nature and limited scale of the development which is below the threshold for prescribed road development set out in article 8(b) of the Roads Regulations, 1994, as amended,
- (c) the location of the development in a built-up area and the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,
- (d) the limited potential for significant effects on the environment, and
- (e) the submission of the planning authority,

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

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

**Dated this          day of                                  2020**