

Board Order ABP-309123-21

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Application received by An Bord Pleanála on the 8th day of January, 2021 from Donegal County Council 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 Donegal County Council (Buncrana School Campus Site) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020 – in the townland of Ballymacarry, Buncrana, Co. Donegal.

DECISION

CONFIRM the above Compulsory Purchase Order without modification, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having considered the written objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, the report and recommendation of the Inspector who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, and having regard to the following:

- (a) the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order,
- (b) the deficiencies in the existing educational facilities in Buncrana,
- (c) the community need, public interest served and overall benefits to be achieved from the proposed school campus,
- (d) the provisions of the National Planning Framework and the section 28 guidelines on 'The Provision of Schools and the Planning System (2008)' and 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management (2009)',
- (e) the policies and objectives of the County Donegal Development Plan 2018 -2024, which are not materially contravened, and
- (f) the submissions and observations made at the oral hearing,

it is considered that, the acquisition permanently of the lands in question, as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order and on the deposited map, are necessary for the purposes stated and the objections cannot be sustained, having regard to the said necessity.

Dave Walsh

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 5th day of July

2021