

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-309314-21

Roads Acts, 1993 to 2015

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Galway County 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 proposed N17 Milltown to Gortnagunned Road Realignment Scheme 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

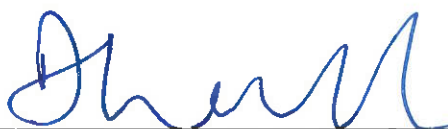
In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the provisions of Section 50 of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended and Article 8 of the Roads Regulations, 1994, as amended.
- (b) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and the information provided in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) the nature and limited scale of the proposed development which is below the threshold for prescribed road development set out in Article 8(b) of the Roads Regulations, 1994, as amended,
- (d) the limited potential for significant effects on the environment,
- (e) the submissions made in this case by the applicant for screening determination and by Galway County Council, and
- (f) 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 that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report is not, therefore, required.



Dave Walsh

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

Dated this 13th day of May 2021

