

An
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Board Order ABP-310146-21

Roads Acts, 1993 to 2015

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

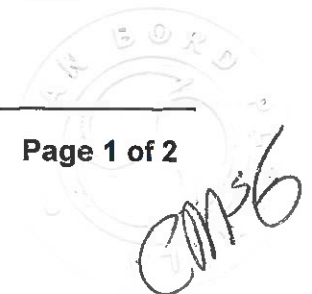
Application received by An Bord Pleanála from Louth County Council requesting it to exercise its powers under section 50(1)(b) of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended, seeking a direction from An Bord Pleanála as to whether or not the N52 Ardee Bypass Scheme in County Louth requires the preparation of an 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.

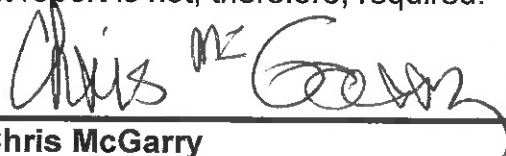


Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the location of the site on lands that are covered by the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021 and the Ardee Local Area Plan 2010-2016, and the results of the strategic environmental assessment of this plan undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the SEA Directive,
- (b) the nature, linear scale and location of the proposed development,
- (c) the design and construction methodology response to the natural heritage in the surrounding area,
- (d) the substantial separation distance to any designated European Sites,
- (e) the project details provided by the local authority,
- (f) 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,
- (g) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and
- (h) 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.



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



Dated this 19th day of October 2021