

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-311409-21

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Application received by An Bord Pleanála on the 16th day of September, 2021 from Louth 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), as amended by section 6 and the Second Schedule to the Roads Act, 1993, and as amended by the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **Louth County Council, Carlingford Lough Greenway, Omeath to Border, Compulsory Purchase Order 2021**.

DECISION

CONFIRM the above Compulsory Purchase Order based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the modifications set out below.

CMG

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 of the compulsory acquisition of lands for the 'Louth County Council, Carlingford Lough Greenway, Omeath to Border, Compulsory Purchase Order 2021',
- (b) the community need, public interest served and overall benefits that would be derived, particularly in terms of encouraging and facilitating active travel, promoting tourism and healthy living, enabling more sustainable forms of mobility on a cross-border basis, increasing cross-border commuting by cycling and walking, improving cross-border social cohesion, improving cyclist safety through the construction of a predominantly 'off-road' shared cycle/pedestrian network, and reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions,
- (c) the design of the proposed greenway that is proportionate to the identified need,
- (d) the policies and objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027, which are not materially contravened, and
- (e) the modifications submitted to the Board by Louth County Council on the 21st day of October 2022,
- (f) the submissions and observations made at the oral hearing held on the 26th day of October 2022, and
- (g) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,



it is considered that the permanent and temporary compulsory acquisition of the lands comprising the Compulsory Purchase Order by Louth County Council are necessary for the purpose stated in the Order, Schedule, and Deposited Maps, and that the objections cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity.

SCHEDULE

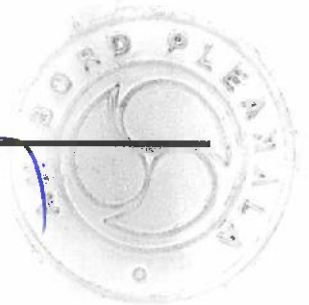
The compulsory purchase order shall be modified in accordance with the modifications submitted to the Board on the 21st day of October, 2022 as follows:

Plot number 121a.01 shall be omitted from Part 1.A of the Schedule.

Reason: To ensure that the acquisition of the lands by the local authority is consistent with the stated need and purpose for same.



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



Dated this 8th day of December 2022