

## **Board Order** ABP-312427-22

Roads Acts, 1993 to 2015

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Application received by An Bord Pleanála from Limerick City and 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 proposed Castletroy Link Road Scheme - Distributor Road linking Golf Links Road, Castletroy with Kilbane Roundabout on Groody Road, Ballysimon, County Limerick 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.

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## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the following:

- (a) the provisions of Section 50 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) and Article 8of the Roads Regulations, 1994 (as amended),
- (b) the nature and limited scale of the proposed road 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 site on lands that are covered by the Castletroy Local Area Plan 2019 to 2025,
- (d) the nature, linear scale and location of the proposed road development,
- (e) the standard nature of the design and construction methodology,
- (f) the project details provided by Limerick City and County Council,
- (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 road 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 21 st day of March 2022