



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-312912-22

Roads Acts, 1993 to 2015

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Application received by An Bord Pleanála from Andrew Dillon care of FP Logue Solicitors of 8/10 Coke Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 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 R605 Road Improvements at Ship-Pool Bends in the Townlands of Ship-Pool, Lisheeda, Lahern, Lissard, Leighmoney Beg and Inishannon, County Cork 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.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the following:

- (a) the information provided by the Road Authority to An Bord Pleanála,
- (b) the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, as amended,
- (c) the nature and scale of the proposed road development, which is below the thresholds for mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment set out in section 50(1)(a) of the Roads Act 1993, as amended, and article 8 of the Roads Regulations 1994, as amended,
- (d) Annex III of EU Directive 2014/52/EU of 16th April 2014, amending Directive 2011/92/EU (the EIA Directive) on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Public and Private Projects on the Environment,
- (e) the document 'EIA of Projects - Guidance on Screening' (2017) issued by the European Commission,
- (f) the document 'Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development' issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in August 2003,
- (g) the characteristics of the proposed road development, the use of and the widening of an existing alignment of Regional Road over a distance of circa 450 metres,
- (h) the nature and characteristics of the receiving environment and the surrounding area,
- (i) the submissions made by the applicant requesting a determination and by the local authority, and
- (j) the report and recommendation of the Board's 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.

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

Dated this *18* day of *May* 2022