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**Board Order**  
**ABP-317232-23**

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**Roads Acts, 1993 to 2015**

**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022**

**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 N21 Abbeyfeale Road Scheme, County Limerick requires the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report.

### **Decision**

**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.

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the following:

- (a) the location of the site on lands that are covered by the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028, and the results of the strategic environmental assessment of this plan undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive,
- (b) the project details provided by Limerick City & County Council,
- (c) the proximity to designated European Sites,
- (d) 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,
- (e) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and
- (f) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the proposed road development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report is, therefore, required.



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



Dated this 11 day of August 2023