



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order ABP-318629-23

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Application received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 6th day of December 2023 from Meath 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), and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022, for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **Meath County Council Compulsory Purchase (No.1) Order, 2023, N2 SLANE BYPASS AND PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME.**

Decision

CONFIRM the above the compulsory purchase order with modifications based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order, the report of the Inspector who considered the objections, the purpose of the compulsory purchase order to facilitate the delivery of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme, and also having regard to:

- (a) the constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (b) the substandard infrastructure provided for along the existing route,
- (c) the strategic nature of the scheme as an identified project under national and regional plans,
- (d) the community need, and public interest served and overall benefits, including benefits to a range of road users to be achieved from use of the acquired lands,
- (e) the proportionate design response to the identified need,
- (f) the suitability of the lands and the necessity of their acquisition to facilitate the provision of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme,
- (g) the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- (h) the likely consequences for the environment and any likely significant effects of the proposed development on European Sites with reference to the parallel environmental impact assessment and appropriate assessment set out in Inspector's report, An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number ABP-318573-23,
- (i) the submissions made to the Commission both in writing and at the oral hearing, and
- (j) the report and recommendation of the Inspector for An Coimisiún Pleanála applications, reference numbers ABP-318629-23 and ABP-318573-23,

it is considered that the acquisition of these lands on a permanent and temporary basis, restriction, acquisition and interference of rights of way, by Meath County Council, as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the deposited maps, is necessary for the purpose stated, which is a legitimate objective being pursued in the public interest, and that the compulsory purchase order and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners are proportionate to that objective and justified by the exigencies of the common good.

In reaching this conclusion, the Commission agrees with and adopts the analysis contained in the report of the person who conducted the assessment of the objections and oral hearing and agrees to confirm the compulsory purchase order.

Schedule

The compulsory purchase order shall be modified as set out in the Schedule submitted to the oral hearing on the 3rd day of April 2025.



**Member of An Coimisiún Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this 27th day of June 2025