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## Board Order ABP-320948-24

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**Roads Acts, 1993 to 2015**

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

**Planning Authority: Donegal County Council**

**Application** received by An Bord Pleanála from Donegal 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 N56 Doonwell to Drumbrick Road Improvement Scheme, County Donegal 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:

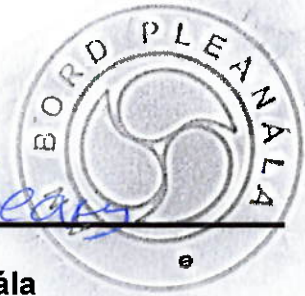
- (a) the criteria set out in Section 50(1)(a) of the Roads Act 1993, as amended and Article 8 of the Roads Regulations 1994 and the information provided in Annex III of European Directive 2014/52/EU of 16th day of April 2014, amending Directive 2011/92/EU (the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment,
- (b) the criteria set out and the information provided in Schedule 5 and Schedule 7A of the of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (c) the documents 'Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects - Guidance on Screening' (2017) issued by the European Commission and 'Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development' issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in August 2003,
- (d) the limited nature and scale of the proposed development which seeks to improve a limited section of an existing road and does not meet any of the relevant thresholds for Environmental Impact Assessment,
- (e) the location of the site on lands adjacent to the existing road, the existing pattern of development adjacent to the existing road,
- (f) the limited potential for significant impacts arising from the proposed development due to the absence of any significant environment receptors,
- (g) the submission made by the applicant requesting a determination, which included an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report and the report and the recommendation of the Inspector,

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it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and, accordingly, an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

*Patricia Calleary*

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



Dated this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* 2024