

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-321770-25

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Roscommon County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-300493-17)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 22nd day of January 2025 from Roscommon County Council under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of the N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge road development, at Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge, County Roscommon. approved under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-300493-17 and alteration reference number ABP-314466-22.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve the above-mentioned road development, subject to conditions by Order dated the 16th day of January 2019,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided that alterations to the above-mentioned decision, that were requested on the 29th day of August 2022, would not result in material alterations to the terms of the development and so made the alterations to the development the subject of approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-300493-17,

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a further request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations in respect of the N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge Road Project are described as follows:

- The revised watercourse diversion proposals to omit a box culvert crossing of a tributary of the Owennaforeesha River in the townland of Drummin, County Roscommon, and, instead, divert the watercourse into the Owennaforeesha River upstream of the Owennaforeesha River Bridge at Ch14+520 (an overall extension of 90 metres in length with meanders).
- The current design involves crossing the Owennaforeesha River using a bridge structure at Ch14+520 while the tributary is diverted from Ch14+680, in WD14.01, 80 metres towards the Owennaforeesha River and then crosses under the approved road using a box culvert (WC 14.01) at Ch14+600, the revised proposals plan to continue WD14.01 an additional 90 metres to Ch14+520 where it will discharge to the upstream of the Owennaforeesha River Bridge (WB14.01) and remove the requirement for the 38.2-metre-long box culvert crossing.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the issues involved, the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to the matter,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration would not result in the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,



NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 22nd day of January 2025 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the development approved under ABP-300493-17 for the N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge road development and associated site works,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out during the course of that application,
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall scale of the approved N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge road development,
- (iv) the location of the proposed alterations, within the footprint of the approved N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge road development site,
- (v) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental impacts (including in relation to European Sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and,
- (vi) the report of the Board's Inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.



Peter Mullan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 1st day of April, 2025