

Commission Order ABP-322343-25

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Application received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 17th day of April, 2025 from Limerick City and 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 Act, 2000, as amended, for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled Limerick City and County Council (Castletroy Link Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 2025.

Decision

CONFIRM the Compulsory Purchase Order based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

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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 Castletroy Link Road, sustainable public transport and active travel infrastructure, and also having regard to:

- (i) The Constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (ii) the provisions of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 including the mapped objective for a cycleway/walkway on Golf Links Road (Map 6 Volume 2a) and zoning objectives for 'New Residential', 'Education and Community Infrastructure' and the 'Groody Valley Wedge',
- (iii) the need to provide a suitable road arrangement that will accommodate existing and future pedestrian, cycle and vehicular traffic accessing and permeating the Castletroy area,
- (iv) the community need for improvements, the overall benefits to a range of road users and of improvements of pedestrian and cyclist safety as a proportionate way of giving effect to the common good, to be achieved from the Castletroy Link Road,
- (v) the community need, and public interest served and overall benefits, including benefits to be achieved from use of the acquired lands,
- (vi) the proportionate design response to the identified need,
- (vii) the suitability of the lands, and the necessity of their acquisition to facilitate the provision of the Castletroy Lind Road,
- (viii) the submissions made to the Commission, and,

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(ix) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the acquisition of these lands on a permanent and temporary basis by Limerick City and 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.

Liam McGree

Planning Commissioner of An Comisiún Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 31st day of october 2025