An Coimisiún Pleanála

Commission Order ACP-323703-25

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Application received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 22nd day of September 2025 from Sligo 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 , as amended, for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **Sligo County Council Compulsory Purchase (No. 01 Order) 2025, Sligo City Campus Regeneration Project.**

DECISION

CONFIRM the compulsory purchase order with modifications, 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 submissions on file and the observations made to the oral hearing held on the 18th day of September 2026, the purpose of the compulsory purchase order to acquire lands identified for regeneration to facilitate the 'Sligo City Campus Regeneration Project', and also having regard to:

(i) the constitutional and European Human Rights Convention protection afforded to property rights,

(ii) the strategic importance of the scheme, in the context of the transformation and regeneration of underutilised town centre lands to provide for cultural, educational, commercial and residential uses, thereby facilitating a new focal point for civic, cultural and economic activity in Sligo town,

(iii) the identified community need, public interest served and overall benefits to be achieved from the proposal,

(iv) the suitability of the lands for the 'Sligo City Campus Regeneration Project',

(v) the policies and objectives of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, including Strategic Objective SO-RGC-7 which specifically relates to the regeneration of the subject lands, and

(vi) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that subject to the modifications to the order as set out below, the acquisition of the privately run car park accessed from Holborn Street by the local authority is necessary in order to facilitate the regeneration of this area in accordance with the provisions of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the compulsory purchase order map, 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.

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The acquisition of the privately run car park is therefore confirmed for the reasons above.

The local authority has confirmed that the acquisition of the properties at numbers 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 67 Holborn Street are not critical to the core elements of the 'Sligo City Campus Regeneration Project' and therefore would not prejudice its delivery. In this context, it is concluded that the acquisition of properties at numbers 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 67 Holborn Street would have a disproportionate impact on the landowners and would be disproportionate to the objective being pursued.

The compulsory acquisition of properties at numbers 10,12, 13, 14, 15 and 67 Holborn Street, Sligo is therefore not confirmed for the reasons above.

Schedule

The compulsory purchase order shall be modified as follows:

Lands at number 10 – described as a dwelling house at number 10 Holborn Street, Sligo, shall not form part of the compulsory acquisition.
Reason: The compulsory acquisition of the lands of number 10 would have a disproportionate impact on the landowners and would be disproportionate to the objective being pursued.

Lands at number 12 – described as a dwelling house at number 12 Holborn Street, Sligo, shall not form part of the compulsory acquisition.
Reason: The compulsory acquisition of the lands of number 12 would have a disproportionate impact on the landowners and would be disproportionate to the objective being pursued.

Lands at number 13 – described as a dwelling house at number 13 Holborn Street, Sligo, shall not form part of the compulsory acquisition.
Reason: The compulsory acquisition of the lands of number 13 would have a disproportionate impact on the landowners and would be disproportionate to the objective being pursued.

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Lands at number 14 – described as a dwelling house at number 14 Holborn Street, Sligo, shall not form part of the compulsory acquisition.
Reason: The compulsory acquisition of the lands of number 14 would have a disproportionate impact on the landowners and would be disproportionate to the objective being pursued.

Lands at number 15 – described as a dwelling house at number 15 Holborn Street, Sligo, shall not form part of the compulsory acquisition.
Reason: The compulsory acquisition of the lands of number 15 would have a disproportionate impact on the landowners and would be disproportionate to the objective being pursued.

Lands at number 67 – described as a dwelling house at number 67 Holborn Street, Sligo, shall not form part of the compulsory acquisition.
Reason: The compulsory acquisition of the lands of number 67 would have a disproportionate impact on the landowners and would be disproportionate to the objective being pursued.

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

Dated this 16th **day of** November **2026**