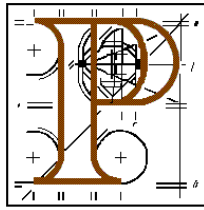


An Bord Pleanála



LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960

HOUSING ACT, 1966

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 2000 TO 2015

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: 07.CH3267

Galway County Council

APPLICATION received by An Bord Pleanála on the 16th day of March, 2016 from Galway 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 2015, for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **Galway County Council Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1, 2015 (Roads and Transportation) N63 Abbeyknockmoy to Annagh Hill Road Scheme.**

DECISION

CONFIRM the above compulsory purchase order for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order, and not withdrawn, the report of the person who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, the purposes of the compulsory acquisition for the on-line improvement of the N63, and also having regard to:

- (a) the provisions of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region 2010 - 2022, including Objective I05, which seeks to upgrade and improve all national and secondary roads, including the N63,
- (b) the provisions of the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021 and the policies stated therein, including Objective TI 5 and the functions of the road authority,
- (c) the present substandard nature of the existing road in relation to alignment and width and the resultant improvement arising from the proposed road improvement and in the interest of traffic safety,
- (d) the present drainage and flooding issues and the overall improved drainage measures proposed to be implemented,
- (e) the community need, public interest served and overall benefits to be achieved from use of the acquired lands for the purpose identified in the order,
- (f) the objections made to the compulsory purchase order, and
- (g) the submissions and observations made at the oral hearing,

it is considered that the acquisition of the lands in question by the local authority is necessary for the purposes stated in the order and that the objections cannot be sustained having regard to this necessity.

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

Dated this day of 2016.