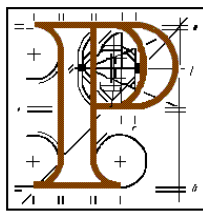


# An Bord Pleanála



**Roads Acts, 1993 to 2007**

**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2016**

**Kerry County Council**

**An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: 08.HD0039**

**APPLICATION** received by An Bord Pleanála from Kerry County Council requesting it to exercise its power under section 50(1)(b) of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended, to direct the road authority to prepare an environmental impact statement in respect of the proposed South Kerry Greenway Project connecting Glenbeigh and Renard via Cahersiveen, County Kerry.

## **DECISION**

**DIRECT** the road authority to prepare an environmental impact statement in respect of the above proposed road development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

## **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard.

## **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (i) article 27 of the European Communities (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations, 1989, as amended,
- (ii) the Roads Act, 1993, as amended,
- (iii) the Roads Regulations, 1994, as amended, and Schedule 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (iv) the “Environmental Impact Assessment Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold Development” issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2003),
- (v) the ecological sensitivity of the receiving environment, including the Killarney National Park, Macgillycuddy’s Reeks and Caragh River Catchment Special Area of Conservation (site code 000365), the Iveragh Peninsula Special Protection Area (site code 004154), the Valencia Harbour/Portmagee Channel Special Area of Conservation (site code 002262), the Castlemaine Harbour Special Area of Conservation (site code 000343), and the Castlemaine Harbour Special Protection Area (site code 004029),
- (vi) the nature, scale and characteristics of the proposed Greenway development, including significant engineering works at Mountain Stage, multiple road junctions, and involving works to protected structures of architectural heritage,
- (vii) the characteristics of potential environmental impacts on ecology, European Sites, protected species, the fabric and settings of features of architectural heritage, visual impacts within a highly scenic area, agricultural severance, and on dwellings,
- (viii) the submission made to An Bord Pleanála by the Road Authority, and
- (ix) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

It is considered that the proposed Greenway development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is required.

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

**Dated this      day of                      2017.**