

The Secretary

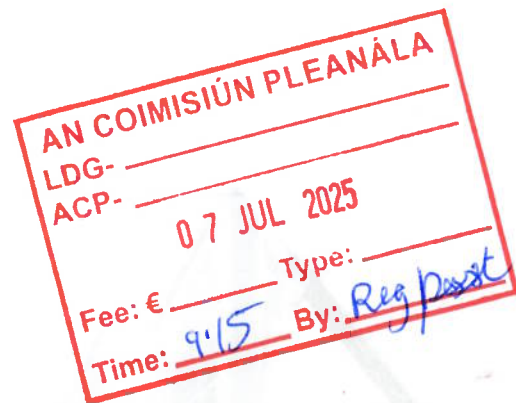
30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

An Coimisiún Pleanála

64 Marlborough St.

Rotunda

Dublin 1



**Re: Athlone Link Road Phase 2**

Dear Secretary,

Westmeath County Council wishes to make an application for approval to An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 177(AE) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (Local Authority development requiring Appropriate Assessment) to construct a proposed road development comprising inter alia:-

- New Link Road with Active Travel facilities including segregated cycling facilities joining the Crescent Junction (R915) to Coosan Point Road/Southern Station Road Junction.
- New two-way segregated facility on Southern Station Road (West side),
- A three-metre-wide shared surface from the Crescent Junction linking to Athlone Train/Bus Station.
- A reconfiguration of, and an extension to, the existing Athlone Bus Éireann depot yard, boundary treatments, signage, drainage, and all associated ancillary works to be completed.

An Ecological Impact Assessment report (EcIA) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report for the proposed development has been carried out and has determined that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and has determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not required.

Westmeath County Council has met with CIE Group, the owner of the lands through which the proposed road traverses, and they are supportive of the proposed development. Westmeath County Council has agreement in principle to acquire the lands for this Link Road subject to planning approval for the project.

I enclose the following for your consideration:

Two hard copies and one soft copy (USB) of:

- a) Part 10 Planning report
- b) The Ecological Impact Assessment Report.
- c) The Natura Impact Statement.
- d) The Environmental Impact Assessment Screening report.
- e) The Scheme Drawings for the proposed development.
- f) The Statutory Public Notice which was published in the Westmeath Independent (in circulation and dated the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2025), two originals of same are included.
- g) Scan of Notice in Newspaper (Westmeath Independent dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025)
- h) Letters of notice to accompany the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Plans and Particulars of proposed development sent to the prescribed bodies in soft copy format (USB).
- i) List of Prescribed Bodies to which Notice was sent on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
- j) Drainage Design Report
- k) Outline Surface water management plan
- l) Lighting Design Report
- m) Preliminary Construction Environment Management Plan
- n) Stage 1 & 2 Road Safety Audit.
- o) Quality Audit.

Westmeath County Council hereby applies to the Board for approval in relation to this proposed road development under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact

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Yours faithfully,



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