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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

MEMORANDUM

To: Tom Prendergast, A/Director of Service – Physical Infrastructure, Fire and Emergency Services and Climate Change, Galway County Council.

From: Padraic Wall, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Date: Monday 18th August 2025

Re: Galway County Council (N63 Abbeyknockmoy Village Active Travel) Compulsory Purchase Order No. 4 2025.

I refer to the above and wish to certify:

1. That the map marked with the reference Deposit Map known as GCC-CPO No.4-DM-Rev01 is a true and accurate description of the proposed Active Travel project, and that the lands it is proposed to acquire are shown outlined in red and coloured grey and are described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Compulsory Purchase Order;

and

2. That the Schedule to the Compulsory Purchase Order is a true and accurate description of the lands which will be affected by the N63 Abbeyknockmoy Village Active Travel, and which are suitable and necessary for the said development.

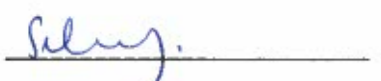
I recommend that Galway County Council (N63 Abbeyknockmoy Village Active Travel) Compulsory Purchase Order No. 4 2025 (Physical Infrastructure, Fire and Emergency Services and Climate Change) be made, and the notice published and served on landowners, lessees and occupiers as required.



Padraic Wall, A/S.E.E.

Date: 18/8/2025

Noted and agreed.



Sean Devaney, S.E.

Date: 18/8/2025

Justification for the Scheme

To meet the following Policy Objectives of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028:

WC 1 Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure

To require the design of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to be in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards set out in the National Cycle Manual and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, TII Publications, 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads', and the NTA document Permeability: Best Practice Guide.

WC 4 Modern Network of Walking and Cycling Infrastructure

To continue to work and engage with the National Transport Authority, the Department of Transport and other agencies in developing a modern network of walking and cycling infrastructure in the county.

WC 5 Traffic Free Cycle Routes

To provide, where possible traffic free pedestrian and cyclist routes including filtered permeability particularly where such routes would provide a more direct, safer, and more attractive alternative to the car.

PT 1 Sustainable Modes of Transport

To encourage a modal shift from use of the private car towards more sustainable modes of transport.

The above objectives will be achieved through this scheme as it will:

- provide a shared, two-way 3.0m wide, cyclist and pedestrian facility within the village extents of Abbeyknockmoy village which will provide a link from the existing N63 shared facility south of the village to the proposed cycleway included in the N63 Liss to Abbey Road project north of the village,
- provide a new pedestrian crossing just east of the service station to connect the new shared facility to the existing footpath on the north side of the N63,
- provide a new raised footpath on the north side of the N63, and
- include other necessary ancillary works to footpaths, landscaping, road markings etc. to support the new shared facility and controlled crossing.

The proposed development will enhance the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

Justification for the Compulsory Purchase Order

Plot	Area (Ha)	Justification
101.01 & 101.02	0.002 & 0.021	<p>This is the smallest amount of land required to ensure the designed shared cycle and pedestrian facility meets the TII design standards and will provide the space for the required width of the proposals.</p> <p>The plots are located in the car parking area inside the back of the existing footpath and are considered private lands and, thus, required by CPO</p>

102.01	0.001	<p>This is the smallest amount of land required to ensure the designed shared cycle and pedestrian facility meets the TII design standards and will provide the space for the required width of the proposals.</p> <p>The plot is located in the car parking area inside the back of the existing footpath and is considered private land and, thus, required by CPO.</p>
103.01	0.007	<p>This is the smallest amount of land required to ensure the designed shared cycle and pedestrian facility, along with the proposed footpath on the north side of the N63, meets the TII design standards and will provide the space for the required width of the proposals.</p> <p>A new footpath on the west side of the N63 will link the existing footpaths at the south and north of the village. The plot is located on private land in front of an existing dwelling and is required by CPO to provide the space for the footpath.</p>
104.01	0.014	<p>This is the smallest amount of land required to ensure the designed shared cycle and pedestrian facility, along with the proposed footpath on the north side of the N63, meets the TII design standards and will provide the space for the required width of the proposals.</p> <p>A new footpath on the west side of the N63 will link the existing footpaths at the south and north of the village. The plot is located on private agricultural land and is required by CPO to provide the space for the footpath.</p>
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