

An Bord Pleanála,

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13th of February 2020 Strategic Infrastructure Section, 5

Submission to An Bord Pleanála RE: Foynes to Limerick Motorway (including Adare Bypass)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish at the outset to state that I fully support the construction of the Foynes to Limerick Motorway and I wish to make the following observations.

It is apparent from the numerous meetings of Limerick City & County Council that have been held both centrally and at Municipal District level regarding this project that the design of the proposed road has not taken into consideration the economic interests of the affected property owners and communities along the route. This is evident not only in relation to junction locations for Adare and Croagh which were the subject of several meetings of the elected members, the road design team and the executive of Limerick City & County Council, but also for the numerous agricultural enterprises whose lands will be severed in ways that could have serious consequences for their ongoing viability.

It is for those reasons that I would ask that each of the property owners and enterprises both agricultural and non-agricultural along the route would be engaged with, with a view to ensuring that their views are taken on board. In addition, I would ask that a future-proofing assessment from an economic standpoint would be commissioned in advance of moving to the construction phase. This is something that I have already requested with the full support of the elected members of Limerick City & County Council at a special meeting held to discuss the issue in 2018 and to date this has not been commissioned.

Again, I wish to reiterate my support for the proposed project and I want to fully engage with the process on behalf of the local affected people and I expect this request as an elected public representative for the area will be agreed to by the Board.

Yours Sincerely,

Cllr. Stephen Keary