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**Re: ABP-305149-19 – Replacement of seven number manned level crossings on the main Dublin to Cork Railway Line, between Limerick Junction and Mallow Station, Co. Limerick and Co. Cork.**

Dear Mr. McDonnell

I refer to the above-mentioned pre-application consultation currently before An Bord Pleanála.

I wish to inform you that the Board at a meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 issued its Direction in relation to the legal opinion dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from Rita Monaghan Solicitors for CIE as follows.

“The Board considered and accepted the points put forward by the applicant and the Inspector, namely that the proposed works can be considered to be “railway works” as defined in the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2011, as amended, and can be appropriately dealt with under a single Railway Order, on the basis that the works at the 7 locations identified pertain to the operation of the Dublin to Cork railway line. The Board also agreed with the Inspector that an EIAR will be required, in which the cumulative impacts of the works will be considered.”

In order to proceed with the case a further pre-application consultation meeting will be required. In this regard, please note that due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are currently conducting the meetings virtually using MicroSoft Teams. Please let us now that your available to attend a further meeting.

Your sincerely

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