



## Meath County Council - Chief Executive Order

**Ref Number** CEO 5285/2023 (**Transportation**)

**Order Subject** Meath County Council Compulsory Purchase  
(No. 1) Order, 2023  
N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme  
Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)  
Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000-2022  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966 [AS AMENDED],  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960  
HOUSING ACTS 1966-2021  
ROADS ACTS 1993 TO 2023  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS 1925-2019  
AND ALL OTHER ACTS THEREBY ENABLING

**Submitted Details** Section 76 of the Housing Act, 1966, and the Third Schedule thereto, as extended by Section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by Section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966) and amended by Section 6 and the Second Schedule of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended, and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2022 for the purposes of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme and entitled "Meath County Council, Compulsory Purchase (No.1) Order, 2023".

- a) to acquire compulsorily for the purposes of construction of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme, the lands described in Part I of the Schedule hereto and shown on drawings numbered DM0000 to DM0003 and affixed with the seal of the Local Authority and deposited at the offices of the Local Authority (hereinafter referred to in conjunction with the Drawings specified in sub clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e) hereof as The Deposited Maps).
- b) to acquire temporarily the lands described in Part II of the Schedule hereto and shown on drawings numbered DM0000 to DM0003 of The Deposited Maps for the duration of the aforesaid construction works (including the defects period).
- c) to extinguish the public Rights of Way described in Part III of the Schedule hereto and shown on drawings numbered DM0000 to DM0003 of The Deposited Maps by Order made after the acquisition of the land, where the said Rights of Way are over the land so acquired or any part thereof, or over land adjacent to or associated with the land so acquired or any part thereof.
- d) to extinguish the private Rights of Way described in Part IV of the Schedule hereto and shown on drawings numbered DM0000 to DM0003 of The Deposited Maps by Order made after the acquisition of the land, where the said Rights of Way are over the land so acquired or any part thereof, or over land adjacent to or associated with the land so acquired or any part thereof.
- e) to acquire the easements as described in Part V of the Schedule hereto on drawings



numbered DM0000 to DM0003 of The Deposited Maps

Copy of Compulsory Purchase Order including Schedules thereto.  
Certificate of Michael Noonan, RPS Consulting Engineers dated 16th November, 2023, confirming that the description as outlined in the said certificate, is a true and accurate description of the proposed development to which the CPO relates, and that the lands which will be affected by the proposed development are necessary, sufficient and suitable for the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme and that the EIAR and NIS have been prepared in accordance with Statutory Requirements and are appropriate for submission to An Bord Pleanála.

Certificate of Ms. Wendy Bagnell, Senior Executive Planner, Meath County Council, dated 21st November, 2023, confirming that the acquisition of lands for the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme is in accordance with the provisions of the current National, Regional and local policy and, is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development is situate and gives effect to and facilitate the implementation of the Development Plan 2021-2027.

Certificate of Mr. Martin Murray, Director of Services, dated 27th November 2023, certifying that the description as outlined in the said certificate, is a true and accurate description of the development, and that the lands which will be affected by the proposed development are necessary, sufficient and suitable for the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme.

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) prepared in accordance with section with Section 50 of the Roads Acts 1993-2023, and

Natura Impact Statement (NIS) pursuant to Part XAB of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022 for the purposes of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

TII approval to proceed to stage 4 (Statutory Process) of the TII Project Management Guidelines dated 31st October, 2023

## Order Details

By the powers conferred on me under Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014, I hereby order as follows:  
It is hereby ordered, having considered the above documentation submitted to me, that a Compulsory Purchase Order for the provision of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme be made in respect of the lands outlined in red and coloured grey and indicated by the Plot Numbers described on The Deposited Maps marked with the reference no. DM0000 to DM0003 inclusive, entitled "N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme, Compulsory Purchase (No.1) Order, 2023", and attached to the above Compulsory Purchase Order, be acquired to facilitate the construction of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme.

And it is further ordered:-

(1) that the acquisition be effected by way of a Compulsory Purchase Order made pursuant to Section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by Section 86



of the Housing Act, 1966 and the Planning and Development Act, 2000) and pursuant to the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022 and in particular Section 213 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

(2) that the aforesaid Compulsory Purchase Order be prepared to effect the acquisition;

(3) to extinguish the public Rights of Way described in Part III of the Schedule hereto and shown on drawings numbered DM0000 to DM0003 of The Deposited Maps by Order made after the acquisition of the land, where the said Rights of Way are over the land so acquired or any part thereof, or over land adjacent to or associated with the land so acquired or any part thereof.

(4) to extinguish the private Rights of Way described in Part IV of the Schedule hereto and shown on drawings numbered DM0000 to DM0003 of The Deposited Maps by Order made after the acquisition of the land, where the said Rights of Way are over the land so acquired or any part thereof, or over land adjacent to or associated with the land so acquired or any part thereof.

(5) to acquire the easements as described in Part V of the Schedule hereto on drawings numbered DM0000 to DM0003 of The Deposited Maps

(6) and further that the corporate Seal of the Council be affixed to the aforesaid Compulsory Purchase Order and the maps attached thereto;

(7) and further that the appropriate statutory notice of the aforesaid Compulsory Purchase Order be advertised as required and notice served on each owner, occupier and lessee, and said Order shall be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation.

(8) that a copy of the Compulsory Purchase Order and the map referred to therein be made available for inspection in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Third Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966 and the Housing Act (Acquisition of Land) Regulations, 2000, as amended;

(9) Meath County Council accepts the attached Engineers Certificate signed by Mr Michael Noonan RPS, dated the 16th November 2023, and adopts the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement as prepared on the Councils behalf.

(10) That the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement in respect of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme be submitted to an Bord Pleanála seeking its approval and consent in respect of the proposed development under the Roads Acts 1993-2023 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022 respectively.

(11) That the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and The Natura Impact Statement be sent to those bodies prescribed by Section 51 of the Roads Acts, 1993-2023 and the Regulations thereunder.

(12) That a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and The Natura Impact Statement be made available for inspection and purchase as provided under Section 51 of



the Roads Acts 1993-2023 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022.

(13) That any objections or submissions that may be received by Meath County Council with regard to the Compulsory Purchase Order or the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and The Natura Impact Statement be immediately forwarded to an Bord Pleanála for its consideration.

**Signed By**

*Fiona LeS*

Chief Executive - CEO 5285/2023 (Transportation)

**Date Signed**

22/11/2023

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**RE: N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme – Engineer’s Certificate**

Dear Mr. Murray,

I wish to certify:

- 1) The following is a true and accurate description of lands to be acquired in the proposed Compulsory Purchase (No.1) Order, 2023 N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme

and

- 2) That the Deposited Maps marked with the reference no **DM0000-DM0003** entitled “COMPULSORY PURCHASE (No. 1) ORDER, 2023 N2 SLANE BYPASS AND PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME” are a true and accurate description of the lands to be compulsorily acquired for the proposed road development comprising the construction of the following:

- Approximately 3.5 km of mainline N2 bypass Type 2 dual carriageway;
- Approximately 1.4 km of realigned N51 National Road;
- 1 major bridge crossing of the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC, approximately 258 m long;
- 3 at-grade roundabouts at N2 South, N51 and N2 North;
- Reconfiguration of The Square junction in Slane, including removal of traffic light control;
- Public Realm improvement and traffic management measures in Slane Village Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), including the relocation of a cast-iron hydrant (Protected Structure 90662) and pavement works on Slane Bridge (Protected Structure 90684);
- Provision of a car park on the N51 east of The Square junction, to include new openings in rubble stone wall (Protected Structure 90697) for car park entrance and replacement field access;
- Provision of pedestrian / cyclist link to carpark, to include new opening in rubble stone wall (Protected Structure 90698) for access from existing N2 south of The Square junction;
- Approximately 2.7 km of accommodation works and maintenance access tracks;
- 1 new road overbridge to allow the proposed N2 to pass under Rossnaree Road (L16002);
- 2 farm accommodation overbridges;

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- 3 No. new culverts on the Mattock (Mooretown) Stream and removal of existing culvert under existing N2;
- Provision of shared footway/cycleway facilities, including a pedestrian/cyclist bridge to the existing Boyne Canal towpath;
- The acquisition of 3 private dwellings and demolition of 2 of these;
- The acquisition and demolition of a derelict gate lodge and agricultural buildings including uninhabited former dwelling;
- Utility diversions;
- Drainage system, including attenuated outfalls; and
- Landscaping and environmental mitigation measures;

together with all ancillary and consequential Scheme works. The lands it is proposed to compulsorily acquire are shown coloured grey and outlined in red.

and

- 3) That the Deposited Maps marked with the reference no. **DM0000-DM0003** entitled "COMPULSORY PURCHASE (No. 1) ORDER, 2023 N2 SLANE BYPASS AND PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME " are a true and accurate description of the lands over which it is proposed to extinguish the public and private rights of way, and that the lands over which it is proposed to extinguish the public Rights of Way described in Part III and Part IV of the Schedule.

and

- 4) That the Deposited Maps marked with the reference no. no **DM0000-DM0003** entitled "COMPULSORY PURCHASE (No. 1) ORDER, 2023 N2 SLANE BYPASS AND PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME " are a true and accurate description of the lands over which it is proposed to acquire the easements described in Part V of the Schedule.

and

- 5) That the schedule entitled "COMPULSORY PURCHASE (No. 1) ORDER, 2023 N2 SLANE BYPASS AND PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME is a true and accurate description of the lands which will be affected by the works, and suitable and necessary for the provision of the proposed road development.

In this regard I enclose the schedule and maps relating to the above.

It is hereby certified that the lands illustrated on Deposit Maps **DM0000-DM0003** and listed in the CPO Schedule are necessary, sufficient and suitable for the construction and maintenance of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme.

RPS has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the Proposed Scheme on behalf of Meath County Council. The EIAR has been prepared as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. It has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU which has been adopted into Irish legislation for the purpose of road development through the Roads Act, 1993 – 2023. The EIAR has been prepared by qualified and competent professionals with expertise in their relevant fields of assessment using general and specific guidance and current good practice. Potential significant effects of implementation of the Proposed Scheme have been identified and mitigated to the extent possible. The EIAR is considered appropriate to issue to ABP as part of the consent process for the Proposed Scheme.

RPS has also prepared a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the Proposed Scheme on behalf of Meath County Council. The NIS has been prepared as part of the Appropriate Assessment process under the EU Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. The requirements of the Habitats Directive have been transposed into Irish legislation principally through the Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations (BNHR) 2011, as amended, and

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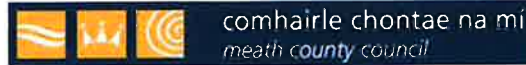
Part XAB of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2022, as amended. The NIS has been prepared by professional ecologists with experience of the Appropriate Assessment process and the tests which must be satisfied. The NIS comprises a report of the scientific examination of best available scientific evidence and data to assess whether the Proposed Scheme will result in any adverse effects on the integrity of European sites in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the sites. The NIS is considered appropriate to issue to ABP as part of the consent process for the Proposed Scheme.

It is hereby recommended, that the lands required for the construction of this scheme be acquired by way of statutory Compulsory Purchase Order and that the Deposit Maps, CPO Schedule, EIAR and NIS be submitted to ABP for statutory consent.

Yours sincerely,  
for RPS Consulting Engineers Limited



**Michael Noonan**  
**Transportation Director**  
**For and on behalf of RPS**



## **N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme**

### **Compulsory Purchase (No. 1) Order 2023**

#### **Planners Certificate**

The scheme comprises the following:

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I refer to your correspondence and enclosures received on 14 September 2023 with respect to the N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme and relating to the Phase 3 Gate Review Statement.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) approval is now granted to progress the scheme from Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) to Phase 4 (Statutory Process) of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Executive Officer  
Regulatory and Administration.

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**MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Compulsory Purchase (No. 1) Order 2023**

**N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme**

I certify that the lands outlined in red and coloured grey as shown on drawings numbered **DM0000 to DM0003**, inclusive, are sufficient, suitable and necessary for the proposed development of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme to which the CPO relates.


I further certify that the acquisition of the lands the subject of the above Compulsory Purchase Order is necessary in order to facilitate the implementation of the objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2021 - 2027.

I endorse the memorandum dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from Enda Weldon, Senior Executive Engineer and endorsed by John McGrath, Senior Engineer as to the making of the CPO and the suitability of the Environmental Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for submission to An Bord Pleanála.

Signed:

  
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Director of Services

Date:

  
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27/Nov/2023

# Memo

**To:** Martin Murray, Director of Service

**From:** Enda Weldon, Senior Executive Engineer

**Date:** 27 November 2023

**Subject:** **N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme**

**Ref:** N2 Slane

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Dear Martin,

RPS Limited has now completed the preparation of the statutory Meath County Council Compulsory Purchase (No.1) Order, 2023 N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme, comprising Schedules and Deposit Maps. They have also completed the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the proposed road development.

I attach a copy of the Engineer's Certificate dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, as signed by Mr Michael Noonan, RPS Limited. This certificate confirms the Deposit Maps and Schedules are a true and accurate description of the lands to be compulsorily acquired, and over which it is proposed to extinguish the public and private Rights of Way. The certificate goes confirms that the Schedules are a true and accurate description of the lands which will be affected by the works, are necessary, sufficient and suitable for the construction and maintenance of the proposed road development.

The aforementioned Engineer's Certificate also confirms that the EIAR and NIS have been prepared in accordance with the relevant legislative requirements and have been prepared by qualified and competent professionals and are appropriate for submission to An Bord Pleanala. for statutory consent.

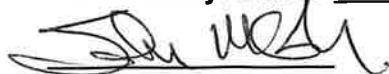
I concur with Mr Michael Noonans recommendation in the aforementioned Engineer's Certificate, that these documents be submitted to An Bord Pleanala. The documents are prepared and available in printed hard copy format and also in digital format.

I therefore recommend that Meath County Council endorse the attached Engineer's Certificate and that the applications for approval of the Compulsory Purchase (No.1) Order, 2023 and the Environmental Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Assessment (NIS) be submitted to An Bord Pleanala.



**Enda Weldon**  
**Senior Executive Engineer**  
**Meath County Council**

Endorsed by: Dated 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023



**John McGrath**  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Meath County Council**