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The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough St.
Dublin 1.

29th November 2023

RE:N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme (Ref No. HC0003)

Dear Secretary,

Meath County Council wishes to construct a proposed road development comprising inter alia:-

- 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 car park, 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;
 - 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.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed road development described above, pursuant to Section 50 of the Roads Act 1993 - 2023. This road development is 'strategic infrastructure development' under the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2022.

The Council has also prepared a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed road development for the purposes of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2022.

I enclose the following for your consideration:

Two hard copies and eight soft copies (USB) of:

- a) The Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report [Volume 1].
- b) The Main Text of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report [Volumes 2].
- c) The Scheme Drawings of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report [Volumes 3].
- d) The Technical Appendices of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report [Volumes 4].
- e) The Natura Impact Statement.
- f) A Copy of Chief Executives Order No CEO 5285/2023 authorising inter alia the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order and submission of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report/ Natura Impact Statement to An Bord Pleanála (ABP).
- g) The Statutory public notice which will appear in the Meath Chronicle (in circulation from the 6th December 2023) and in the Irish Independent (edition dated the 6th December 2023). Copies of same will be forwarded to ABP on the 6th December 2023.
- h) Sample copy of notice to accompany the Environmental Impact Assessment Report to the prescribed bodies. (Final notice issued to all prescribed bodies will be submitted to ABP on the 6th December 2023).
- i) A copy of the response to notification on the EIA portal.
- j) Sanctioning Authority (TII) Approval to proceed to Phase 4 (Statutory Process).
- k) Receipt of payment by EFT in the amount of €60,000 to the account of ABP.


Meath County Council hereby apply to the Board for approval in relation to this proposed road development under Section 51 of the Roads Act 1993-2023.

Meath County Council are also making an application for an order to compulsorily acquire lands for this road development titled Meath County Council Compulsory Purchase (No. 1) Order 2023, N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme and this order will be submitted to the Board on Wednesday the 6th for confirmation by separate application.

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

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Yours faithfully,



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