

## **Roads Acts 1993-2023**

**Prescribed form of notice to be served on bodies or persons referred to in section 51(3)(b)**

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

**To.** **XXXXXX**

**1.** Meath County Council (“the road authority”) has applied under section 51 of the Roads Acts 1993-2023 to An Bord Pleanála (‘the Board’) for approval in relation to 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 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;
- 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.

and has submitted to the Board an Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared in accordance with section 50 of the Roads Acts 1993-2023 in respect of the proposed road development.

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

**2.** The full Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement may be downloaded free of charge from the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme Website: [www.n2slanebypass.ie](http://www.n2slanebypass.ie).

A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report / Natura Impact Statement may be obtained by contacting the offices of Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath C15 Y291. (Tel: 046 9097000).

**3.** Submissions may be made in writing to the Board (see below), in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development;
- the implications of the proposed road development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed road development; and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on a European site between **the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 5.30pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.**

There is a €50 fee for making a submission/observation in relation to the EIAR/ NIS Application.

This fee does not apply to certain prescribed bodies or to property owners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in which they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case.

Submissions with a fee can be made via post (to: **the Board at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902**), in person, and via the Board's online submission portal <https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation>

Objections/submissions without a fee can be made via post, in person, and via email to [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Further information in this regard may be obtained from the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála on 01 8588100 or from the website of An Bord Pleanala at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)

The Board may, in relation to an application for approval and consent, by Order, approve the proposed road development or any part thereof with or without conditions or modifications or it may refuse such development or any part thereof.

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**Martin Murray,  
Director of Services.**

**Our Ref. XXXXX.**

**Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.**