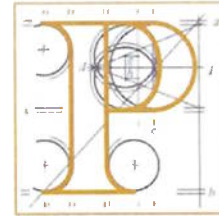


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Bord  
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Health and Safety Authority  
The Metropolitan Building  
James Joyce Street  
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**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

**Re:** A proposed Road Development comprising of the N2 Slane By-Pass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme  
Within the Townlands of Slane, County Meath

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

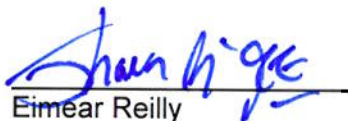
If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

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Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



Eimear Reilly  
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## Shaun McGee

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**From:** Eimear Reilly  
**Sent:** Thursday 1 February 2024 18:01  
**To:** Geoff\_Hynes@hsa.ie  
**Cc:** Shaun McGee  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Application N2 Slane bypass for development by Meath County Council

Good afternoon

I acknowledge receipt of your email. Formal acknowledgement will issue by post,

Kind regards

Eimear

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**From:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2024 10:22 AM  
**To:** Eimear Reilly <e.reilly@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:** FW: Planning Application N2 Slane bypass for development by Meath County Council

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**From:** Geoff Hynes <[Geoff\\_Hynes@hsa.ie](mailto:Geoff_Hynes@hsa.ie)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 1:13 PM  
**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Application N2 Slane bypass for development by Meath County Council

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached in relation to the above.

Regards,

Geoff

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Our Ref: 4327, via email to [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

**Re: Planning Application N2 Slane bypass for development by Meath County Council**

To whom it may concern,

The Health and Safety Authority (the Authority), acting as the Central Competent Authority under the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 209 of 2015), gives technical advice to the planning authority when requested, under regulation 24(2) in relation to:

- (a) the siting and development of new establishments;
- (b) modifications to establishments of the type described in Regulation 12(1);
- (c) new developments including transport routes, locations of public use and residential areas in the vicinity of establishments, where the siting, modifications or developments may be the source of, or increase the risk or consequences of, a major accident.

The Authority currently has insufficient information to provide technical advice on this application, therefore the Authority requests the Planning Authority to seek further information in accordance with regulation 24(10) from the applicant in relation to this application.

- Road types in the consultation distance of a COMAH establishment should have a risk profile as per Appendix 2 & Appendix 3 of the Guidance on technical land-use planning advice for planning authorities and COMAH establishment operators. Confirm the type of road that is proposed in the vicinity of Grasslands Agro (63 m from the site) & provide the evidence that this road type meets this criteria of individual risk  $\geq 10^{-5}$  per year.
- Vol 2, Chapter 24 – Risk of major accidents and/or disasters, Table 24-7: Stage 2 & Table 24-9: Stage 3 – Assessment of Remaining Risks Associated with Proposed Scheme states “*In the event of an accident, the COMAH establishment will have an emergency response plan registered with the HSA.*” This statement is incorrect. Grasslands Argo is a lower tier COMAH establishment, and as such is not under any obligation to have an emergency response plan registered with the Health & Safety Authority. Any assumptions made under this statement are incorrect and should be adjusted accordingly.
- Vol 2, Chapter 24 – Risk of major accidents and/or disasters, Table 24-9: Stage 3 – Assessment of Remaining Risks Associated with Proposed Scheme states as a mitigation measure for the

hazard of Accidents at Seveso Sites / COMAH establishments, that, "*The Proposed Scheme does not require any works within the establishment's boundary itself and does not have the potential to cause an accident at the establishment.*". How has it been established that the proposed works do not have the potential to cause an accident at Grasslands Agro?

- Vol 2, Chapter 24 – Risk of major accidents and/or disasters, Table 24-9: Stage 3 – Assessment of Remaining Risks Associated with Proposed Scheme states, "*Consultation will be carried out by MCC with Grassland AGRO and the HSA prior to works commencing and where required throughout the Proposed Scheme.*" Has consultation taken place with Grasslands Agro on this proposed development?

The Authority will be in a position to provide advice to An Bord Pleanála within 4 weeks of receipt of the requested information.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



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**Geoff Hynes**  
**Inspector,**  
**COMAH, Chemical Production & Storage (CCPS)**