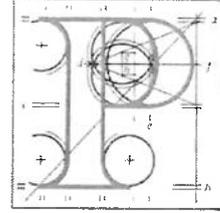


**Our Case Number:** ABP-318573-23



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Maeve Carbin  
43 Churchlands  
Slane  
Co. Meath

**Date:** 15 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 accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

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.

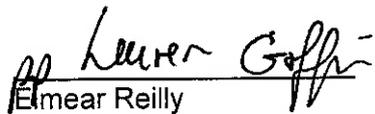
If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

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

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Yours faithfully,



Eimear Reilly  
Executive Officer  
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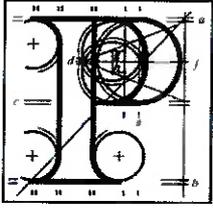
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## Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

### Observer's details

#### 1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Maeve Carbin

(b) Observer's postal address

43 Churchlands, Slane, Co. Meath

### Agent's details

#### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Not Applicable

(b) Agent's postal address

Not Applicable

## Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

**You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1**

**The agent at the postal address in Part 2**

## Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**  
(for example: 300000)

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- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Slane Village, Co Meath

## Observation details

### 5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

I have been a resident of Slane village for 19 years. The crossroads in the village, in particular from Chapel Street down Mill Hill is the most dangerous junction I have ever come across. It is a particularly steep hill which is the main route from Slane to Dublin crossing over the main route between Navan and Drogheda. The volume of heavy goods vehicles travelling this route is immense and the screech of brakes as these vehicles come to a stop at the lights is frightening. There have been numerous occasions, both at the crossroads and on Mill Hill where the brakes on these vehicles have failed and either caused accidents or near misses. There was such an incident about 15 years ago which caused a pile up involving numerous cars with parents and toddlers returning home after the school run. It was only a miracle that no one was killed or seriously injured.

Apart from the more serious cases and the tragic deaths marked by the 23 crosses on Mill Hill, each representing a life lost, there are regularly incidents on this road. Last summer, a HGV lost control on Mill Hill and only skilful driving on the part of the driver averted a major incident. The driver managed to drive onto the footpath, knocking down the overhead gantry and crashed to a stop. At a different time of the day, this same footpath would be populated with primary school children walking from the Riverview Estate to or from school.

The village itself is choked with traffic and the dangerous hill and junction make it a danger to our children which must walk up that hill to go to school.

## 5. Grounds

I have walked it myself many times with my own children when they were younger and the toxic fumes from the many HGVs driving past, the noise pollution caused by the heavy traffic in this small village and the speed of the HGVs driving through make it an altogether unpleasant and indeed a dangerous walk.

Slane is a beautiful historic village that is being destroyed by the traffic cutting through its centre. The plans for the public realm enhancement will greatly improve the lives of those of us who live here and will allow local businesses to thrive.

Most importantly the bypass will prioritise our safety and allow our children to enjoy a safe walk to and from school. This junction would not be allowed anywhere else in the country and it should not be allowed to remain here.

The risk to life is too great. If the junction is allowed to remain as it is, it is only a matter of time before we have another serious incident and we will be adding to the crosses on Mill Hill.

## Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

## Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

**Observers (except prescribed bodies)**

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

## Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

## Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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**For Office Use Only**

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**Notes**