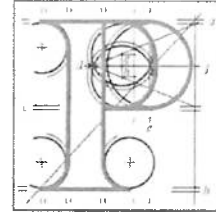


Our Case Number: ABP-318573-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Robert Kenny
Townley Hall
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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

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,



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Observations on

N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme Project Website

- Why does the scheme start just south of McGruder's Cross instead of at McGruder's Cross? McGruder's is the main access point to Newgrange from the N2. There is currently a sharp bend just south of the cross. Placing the proposed roundabout at McGruder's Cross would significantly improve traffic safety by providing a safe interchange to the world heritage site, eliminating two junctions in close proximity to each other and removing the bend.
- Slane Village is a planned eighteenth century Estate Village and is designated as an architectural conservation area. The design of the enhancement scheme, and in particular the pallet of proposed materials chosen, is inappropriate for this setting eg limestone paving and cobbles would be more appropriate that white granite and red tarmac. No provision has been made for bus shelters and some of the proposed planting will actually obscure the view of some of the historic buildings.