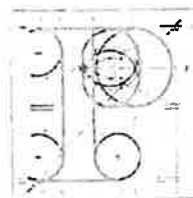


Our Case Number: ABP-318573-23
Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Jane McCulloch & Co.
29 Fennor Lodge
Slane
Co. Meath

Date: 19 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.

Yours faithfully,



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16 February 2024

To whom it may concern

We write, collectively, as long term residents of Slane, in support of Meath County Council's new application for a bypass of Slane village, and associated Public Realm Enhancement Scheme.

Each of us lives, and has previously lived, in different locations on the N2 and N51, with experience of the inappropriate traffic on these roads within the village.

The 23 white crosses on the wall at the bottom of Mill Hill are a daily, sober reminder to every resident of, and visitor to, Slane of the constant peril of avoidable tragedies in this village, in the absence of long overdue appropriate infrastructure.

Some of us have children attending St Patrick's National School who are exposed daily to hazardous road conditions, noise and air pollution inappropriate to the small village environment in which they live and are educated.

We all witness the excessive, potentially lethal speeding of vehicles, including a high number of HGVs, particularly travelling south on the N2 daily. The breathtaking recklessness of those driving these vehicles is enabled by the substandard nature of this national thoroughfare.

We have experienced damage to our property from crashes, and, much more significantly, have experienced or witnessed the horror of accidents at many points along these roads in the village.

This constant threat to the safety of residents of and visitors to Slane village degrades our quality of life. We are fortunate to live in one of the country's most beautiful, well-located, and friendly heritage villages, which should also be safe. These positive attributes are limited by the noise, speed, pollution, and danger of the excessive and inappropriate traffic which hurtles through.

We are heartened to see the Public Realm Enhancement Scheme proposals, to accompany the bypass. Not only will this mitigate the impact of the new road and bridge through the sensitive landscape, but it will contribute to a safe and healthy village centre, allowing the vibrancy of our community to flourish in ways heretofore restricted by the constant threat of HGVs and other traffic. We hope that these plans will also manage east-west traffic on the N51, while accommodating safe access to and egress from properties on this road.

While some of us will have more traffic passing our homes, and have properties immediately affected by the development of the bypass and associated works, we remain wholeheartedly in favour of the application made by Meath County Council, which is necessary for the lives and livelihoods of all who live in our community, and those who travel on our roads.

Yours faithfully

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