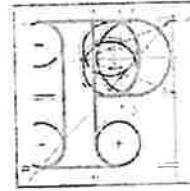


Our Case Number: ABP-318573-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

**Davina Gray
Hoathstown
Ardee
Co. Louth**

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 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,


Eimear Reilly
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OBSERVATIONS ON MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

for Road development comprising N2 Slane By-Pass and Public Realm Enhancement

An Bord Pleanala Case Reference HA17.318573

Dear Sir/ madam,

- 1. The scheme involves compulsory acquisition under Section 49 of the Road Act 1993. Meath County Council believes that it is entitled not just to acquire lands, but to extinguish public rights of way and create public rights of way, and contends that the public cannot participate in that process under s19, which contention is wrong in law and in fact.**
- 2. The Environmental Impact Assessment Directive and the Habitats Directive apply to that process under s49 and in so far as Meath Co Co initiates a procedure to acquire lands, without incorporating the Habitats Directive and the EIA Directive, the whole process is wrong in law and misconceived.**
- 3. In so far as the public is excluded from that process, whereby the entitlements of the public to exercise public rights, particularly public rights along the Boyne River will be extinguished, such exclusion is contrary to fair procedures and the principles of natural and constitutional justice.**

I would request that the Board consider this observation in full,

Yours Sincerely,

Davina Gray