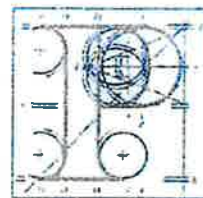


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**Michelle & Kevin Garrigan  
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**Date: 16 February 2024**

**Re: Meath County Council Compulsory Purchase (No. 1) Order 2023. N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme.  
County Meath.**

**Dear Sir / Madam,**

An Bord Pleanála has received your letter of objection in relation to the above mentioned compulsory purchase order.

In respect of same, please note that in circumstances where

(i) no objections are received by the Board within the period provided for making objections, or

(ii) all objections made are subsequently withdrawn, or

(iii) all objections made relate exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by a property arbitrator the Board will inform the local authority as appropriate and, in such circumstances, the local authority can itself confirm the order with or without modification or refuse to confirm the order in accordance with the provisions of section 216 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board notes this compulsory purchase order also involves the extinguishment of a public right of way.

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 on this matter in due course.

If you have any queries in the meantime 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,

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10 February 2024

An Bord Pleanála  
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RE: OBJECTION TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY -  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE (NO.1) ORDER 2023, N2 SLANE BYPASS AND PUBLIC REALM  
ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you to formally object to the above planning application. As concerned citizens and homeowners, we believe this action would have detrimental effects on the community in the impacted area and the environment for the following reasons:

1. Lack of Transparency: We do not believe that we have been part of a transparent and consultative process. We purchased the house in 2021 and we have not been engaged by any planning authority in the process while our neighbours around us have been afforded consultation as part of the engagement process. We have made an effort to engage in public meetings on the subject of the N2 bypass to gain more information of the impact and voice our concerns but have yet to have a one to one discussion on the plan and potential impacts.

2. Environmental Impact: The proposed extinguishment of public right of way will have adverse effects on the environment in the immediate area, including disruption of natural habitats, increased traffic congestion, and air pollution right beside our property. We are very concerned that our neighbours house, who are only 30 meters from our boundary has been made subject to compulsory purchase order due to the projected noise levels once the bypass is complete. The potential impact of noise pollution on our family home is a matter of deep concern for us and without proper consultation, the potential environmental consequences remain unaddressed.

3. Community Access: Public rights of way are essential for ensuring equitable access to the amenities of Slane. It cites in the plans for the proposed bypass and enhancement of the village that this will have a positive impact to the residents of Slane village but I do not think that the impact this proposed route and closure of public access will have on our property has been considered. In particular, with the closure of the road and extinguishment of public access, we will no longer be able to walk from our house to the N2 which is currently 200 meters and into the village of Slane. The proposed route forces us now to have to take a car wherever we want to go adding to the pollution in the area. Closing off these routes restricts mobility and diminishes the quality of life for residents of Fennor, particularly those without access to private transportation.

4. Impact to Our Property:

The proposed bypass will have a negative impact on the market value of our property. The bypass will also impact the currently unobstructed view from our property and our quality of life.

As noted above, our neighbours home will be subject to CPO as a result of the proposed bypass. We would like the following questions addressed;

- a. What will happen to the property which is currently on the land of Joseph Coen, Fennor, Slane, Co Meath?
- b. What boundaries and noise barriers are proposed for the same property and our property as a result of our property being the closest inhabited property to the bypass if the planning for the proposed bypass is approved?

5. Alternative Solutions: The proposal of the extinguishment of public access for the N2 bypass causes a great deal of inconvenience and financial impact to our lives when the simplest solution to all of this would be the removal of the current tolls for HGV on the M1. The root cause of the issue of HGV's through Slane is a direct result of the toll currently in place on the M1 at Drogheda and if this toll was not there, we believe the HGVs would not be using Slane as a means to circumvent the toll.

In conclusion, we urge the relevant authorities to reconsider the decision of proposed extinguishment of public right of way. We urge the planners to look for an alternative route for this bypass which does not impact the family lives of people in the community of Slane and Fennor.

We look forward to engaging with you on this matter in the future.

Kind Regards,

Michelle Garrigan

Kevin Garrigan