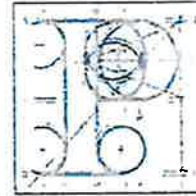


Our Case Number: ABP-318629-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Davina Gray
Hoathstown
Ardee
Co. Louth

Date: 19 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(ii) all objections made are subsequently withdrawn, or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

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

