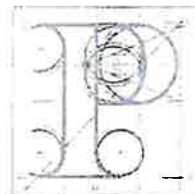


Our Case Number: ABP-318573-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

**Michelle & Kevin Garrigan
Riverbank
Fennor
Slane
Co. Meath**

Date: 16 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.

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Yours faithfully,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 15 February 2024 14:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Objection to Planning Notice

A Chara,

The Board acknowledges receipt of your email, official acknowledgment will issue in due course.

Kind Regards,

Lauren

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:10 AM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Objection to Planning Notice

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Written copy in post.
Kind Regards
Michelle

Sent from my iPhone

Michelle & Kevin Garrigan
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10 February 2024

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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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

