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FORM OF NOTICE OF A COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER UNDER SECTION 76 OF, AND THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO, THE HOUSING ACT, 1966, AS EXTENDED BY SECTION 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960 (SUBSTITUTED BY SECTION 86 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966) AND AMENDED AND EXTENDED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 2000 – 2022

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960, THE ROAD ACTS 1993 – 2023

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS 1925 – 2022 INCLUDING SECTIONS 11 AND 184 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 AND HOUSING ACTS 1966 – 2021 AND

THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 2000 – 2022 INCLUDING PART XIV AND SECTION 213 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

N2 SLANE BYPASS AND PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

COMPULSORY PURCHASE (NO. 1) ORDER, 2023

Meath County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Local Authority") in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 76 of the Housing Act, 1966, and the Third Schedule thereto, as extended by Section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by Section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966) and amended by Section 6 and the Second Schedule of the Roads Act, 1993 to 2023, and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2022 and under Section 213 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and all other enabling legislation has made an Order, entitled as above, which is about to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") for confirmation. If confirmed, the Order will authorise the Local Authority to acquire compulsorily the lands and easements described in Parts I, II and V in the Schedule hereto for the purpose of the construction of the N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act, 1993 - 2023.

The N2 Slane Bypass and Public Realm Enhancement Scheme comprises the following:

- Approximately 3.5 km of mainline N2 bypass Type 2 dual carriageway;
- Approximately 1.4 km of realigned N51 National Road;
- 1 major bridge crossing of the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC, approximately 258 m long;
- 3 at-grade roundabouts at N2 South, N51 and N2 North;
- Reconfiguration of The Square junction in Slane, including removal of traffic light control;
- Public Realm improvement and traffic management measures in Slane Village Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), including the relocation of a cast-iron hydrant (Protected Structure 90662) and pavement works on Slane Bridge (Protected Structure 90684);
- Provision of a car park on the N51 east of The Square junction, to include new openings in rubble stone wall (Protected Structure 90697) for car park entrance and replacement field access;
- Provision of pedestrian / cyclist link to carpark, to include new opening in rubble stone wall (Protected Structure 90698) for access from existing N2 south of The Square junction;
- Approximately 2.7 km of accommodation works and maintenance access tracks;
- 1 new road overbridge to allow the proposed N2 to pass under Rossnaree Road (L16002);
- 2 farm accommodation overbridges;
- 3 No. new culverts on the Mattock (Mooretown) Stream and removal of existing culvert under existing N2;
- Provision of shared footway/cycleway facilities, including a pedestrian/cyclist bridge to the existing Boyne Canal towpath;
- The acquisition of 3 private dwellings and demolition of 2 of these;
- The acquisition and demolition of a derelict gate lodge and agricultural buildings including uninhabited former dwelling;
- Utility diversions;
- Drainage system, including attenuated outfalls; and
- Landscaping and environmental mitigation measures;

together with all ancillary and consequential Scheme works.

The proposed road development will be constructed within the County Meath electoral divisions of (i) Painestown and (ii) Slane and passing through the townlands of (i) Johnstown, (ii) Slane, (iii) Cullen, (iv) Fenno, (v) Slane Castle Demesne and (vi) Cashel, all in the County of Meath.

Owners, reputed owners, lessees, reputed lessees and occupiers of the land described in the Schedule hereto will receive individual written notice.

The Order will also authorise the Local Authority to extinguish the public and private rights of way described in Part III and Part IV of the Schedule hereto, by order made by them after they have acquired the land, where the said public and private rights of way are over the land so acquired or any part thereof, or over land adjacent to or associated with the land so acquired or any part thereof.

The Order will also authorise the Local Authority to acquire the easements as described in Part V of the Schedule hereto.

Any objection to the Compulsory Purchase Order and/or the extinguishment of the public and private rights of way must state in writing the grounds of objection. Objections/ submission can be made via post (to: **An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902**), in person, and via email to laps@pleanala.ie so as to reach the said Board before **5.30 pm 16 February 2024**.

Under Section 76 and the Third Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966 The Board cannot confirm –

- (a) a compulsory purchase order in respect of any land if an objection is made in respect of the acquisition by an owner, lessee or occupier of the land, and is not withdrawn,
- (b) an order which authorises the extinguishment of a right of way if there is an objection to the extinguishment, which is not withdrawn,

until it has caused to be held an oral hearing into the matter and until it has considered the objection and the report of the person who held the oral hearing, but notwithstanding the above, under Section 218 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2022, where An Bord Pleanála would otherwise be required to hold a local inquiry, public local inquiry or oral hearing, that requirement shall not apply to the Board but the Board may, at its absolute discretion, hold an oral hearing in relation to the matter, the subject of the function transferred by sections 214, 215, 215A, 215B or 215C of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 - 2022.

An Bord Pleanála may confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order or any part thereof with or without modifications or may annul the Compulsory Purchase Order or any part thereof.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement, in respect of which separate notice has been given, have also been prepared in respect of the proposed development. Evidence may also be heard at an oral hearing, if any, in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development
- the likely consequences for proper and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development
- the likely effects of the proposed development on any European sites

A person may question the validity of any determination by An Bord Pleanála to confirm a Compulsory Purchase Order by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts as provided for in Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 - 2022. Further information can be obtained from An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 in respect of the judicial review procedure. Further information in respect of the judicial review process can also be found on www.citizensinformation.ie – contact 0818 074000 for details of the locations and operating hours of your local Citizens Information Centre and at the Bord Pleanála website www.pleanala.ie.

A copy of the Order and of the Schedules thereto and the Maps referred to in it may be seen at the office of:

Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath C15 Y291

on working days between the hours of **9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm between 6 December 2023 and 16 February 2024**. They can also be examined at all times between the said dates on the website: www.n2slanebypass.ie

Dated this 6 December 2023.

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Woman held over €157m drugs haul suspected of logistics role

Arrest is first direct Irish link

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Detectives investigating the State's largest ever drug seizure have arrested a woman in Dublin who is suspected of having a "significant logistical" role connected to the smuggling operation. The arrest is the first direct Irish link to the major inquiry in which 2,253kg of cocaine was recovered aboard a cargo ship on September 26.

Yesterday morning, detectives attached to the Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau (DOCB) carried out a number of searches in the capital as part of the investigation. During the operation, a woman aged in her 30s was arrested and is currently being detained under organised crime legislation.

Gardaí believe the woman, who is understood to have no known connections to criminality, was involved in the facilitation of some of the crew members who had been staying in Ireland before the seizure.

One source told the *Irish Independent*: "This individual is suspected of playing a significant role in organising logistics for the personnel linked to this drug seizure when they were based in Ireland."

Several people have so far appeared before the courts charged over the record drugs bust.

In total, €157m of cocaine was seized after the Army Ranger Wing stormed the MV Matthew cargo ship in an operation also involving the Irish Naval Service.

The street value of the drugs, once cut down and sold on, would have been up to three times that estimation.

Earlier, a smaller trawler, which was due to receive the cocaine shipment, ran aground on a sandbank off the Wexford coast.

A Garda spokesperson said that the woman in custody is being

detained under section 50 of the Criminal Justice Act 2007, at a Garda station in Dublin, and can be held for up to seven days.

Yesterday, as part of the joint agency taskforce operation, members of the PSNI's Organised Crime Branch also carried out several searches in Northern Ireland.

It is understood these targeted properties were where a number of men connected to the drugs bust were residing, with a number of items seized.

APSNI spokesperson said: "Detectives from the Police Service's Organised Crime Branch, who carried out searches in Newry, seized a number of items, including a vehicle and mobile phones. All have been removed for further examination."

The *Irish Independent* previously revealed how Gardaí had traced financial payments, linked to the drug enterprise, directly to Dubai.

This strengthened Garda suspicions of the Kinahan crime group having a significant financial stake in the shipment.

The cartel leaders continue to reside in Dubai and are the subject of a combined \$15m (€13.9m) bounty for information leading to their arrest.

Senior officers from the Dubai police force visited Ireland in October and held discussions with their Garda counterparts about targeting transnational crime gangs, including the Kinahans.

The financial payments linked to the drug network, which emanated from the Emirate, were among the key aspects discussed during the briefings.

In July a comprehensive investigation file was submitted by Gardaí to state prosecutors recommending that Daniel Kinahan be charged with directing an organised crime gang.

A large aspect of the case against him relies on compromised mobile communications, with the offence, on conviction, carrying a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.



The raid on the MV Matthew in which the drugs were seized