



NOTICE Form of notice to be published pursuant to section 51(3)(a) of the Roads Act, 1993 - 2023 in relation to an application for approval of a proposed road development and the submission of an **Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)** and **Natura Impact Statement (NIS)**.

MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
N2 SLANE BYPASS AND PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

1. Meath County Council ("the road authority") has applied under section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993 - 2023 to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") for approval in relation to a proposed road development titled as above consisting of:-

- 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.

The location of the proposed road development is illustrated in the accompanying map.

Meath County Council has submitted to the Board the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) prepared in accordance with section 50 of the Roads Act, 1993 - 2023.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has also been prepared and has been submitted to the Board in respect of the proposed road development.

2. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected at the location listed below on working days between the hours of 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm between the 6 December 2023 and 16 February 2024.

- (i) The Offices of Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath C15 Y291. (Tel: 046 9097000).

3. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (or part(s) thereof) and/or the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be purchased from Meath County Council at the address listed above, on payment of the following fee(s):

Item	Title	Fee	Electronic (USB)
1	EIAR Non-technical Summary (Volume [1])	€15	€10 (for the entire suite of documents)
2	EIAR Main Text (Volume [2])	€250	
3	EIAR Drawings (Volume [3])	€75	
4	EIAR Technical Appendices (Volume [4])	€300	
5	NIS Main Report	€50	
6	NIS Appendices	€10	

from the 6 December 2023 to 16 February 2024 during the hours shown above.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) as well as other documentation relating to the application may be inspected and downloaded free of charge at the website: www.n2slanebypass.ie

4. Submissions may be made in writing to the Board (see below), in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development;
- the implications of the proposed road development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed road development; and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on a European site between the 6 December 2023 and 5.30pm on 16 February 2024.

There is a €50 fee for making a submission/observation in relation to the EIAR/ NIS Application.

This fee does not apply to certain prescribed bodies or to property owners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in which they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case.

Submissions with a fee can be made via post (to: the Board at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902), in person, and via the Board's online submission portal <https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation>

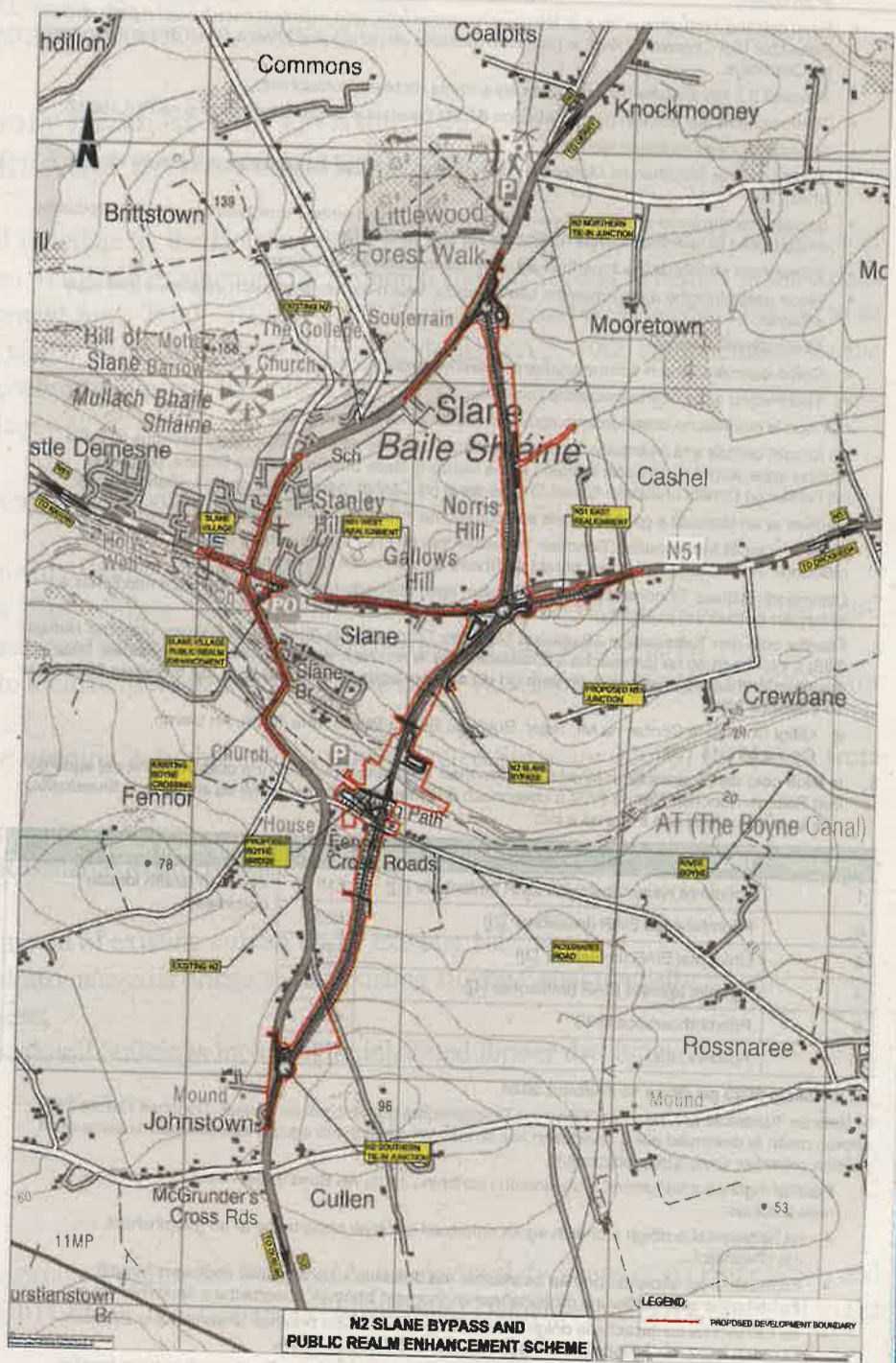
Objections/submissions without a fee can be made via post, in person, and via email to laps@pleanala.ie

Further information in this regard may be obtained from the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála on 01 8588100 or from the website of An Bord Pleanála at www.pleanala.ie

5. The Board, in relation to an application for approval under section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993 - 2023, having reached a reasoned conclusion under section 51(5)(c) and being satisfied that the reasoned conclusion remains up-to-date, may, by order, approve the proposed road development, with or without modifications and subject to whatever environmental conditions (including conditions regarding monitoring measures, parameters to be monitored and the duration of monitoring) it considers appropriate, or may refuse to approve such development.

A person may question the validity of any decision by An Bord Pleanála on a proposed road development by way of an application for judicial review under the Rules of the Superior Courts (and in particular Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts contained in S.I No. 15 of 1986 as amended) and in accordance with sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 - 2022.

Further information can be obtained from An Bord Pleanála, at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in respect of the judicial review procedure. Practical information on the review mechanism can also be accessed under the heading 'Judicial review of planning decisions' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or from the Citizens' Information website at <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/environment/buildings-and-structures/judicial-review-in-planning-and-environmental-matters/>



Dated the 6 Day December 2023.

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