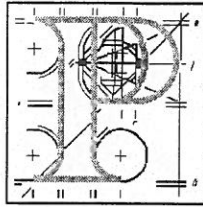


An Bord Pleanála



LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960

HOUSING ACT, 1966

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 2000 to 2014

Mayo County Council

APPLICATION received by An Bord Pleanála on the 4th day of March, 2014, from Mayo County Council pursuant to 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 (as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966) and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2014, for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled “**The County Council of the County of Mayo Compulsory Purchase** [Acquisition of lands for Road Construction and Improvement at Pollavaddy, Garhawnagh, Carrowgarve, Rathduff, Knocknamoghalaun, Heathlawn, Brees and Ballintleva Townlands in the District Electoral Division of Balla and the County of Mayo and at Barnagreggaun Townland in the District Electoral Division of Mayo and the County of Mayo] **Order 2013 (No. 3).**”

DECISION

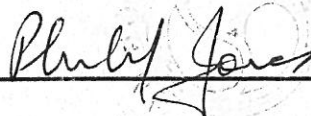
CONFIRM the above compulsory purchase order without modification for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order and not withdrawn, the report of the person who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the compulsory purchase order, and also having regard to:

- (a) the provisions of the National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020 and Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future – A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020,
- (b) the provisions of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region 2012-2022 and, in particular, the reference in section 1.5.3 of the said guidelines to the reclassification of the N60/61 Athlone to Castlebar via Roscommon to a national Primary Road and upgrade,
- (c) the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020 and the objectives stated therein, particularly Table 3 of the Infrastructure Strategy where the Heathlawn project is identified as a priority infrastructure project,
- (d) the present substandard horizontal and vertical alignment of the stretch of the N60 national secondary route it is proposed to re-align, and
- (e) the community need, public interest served and overall benefits to be achieved from use of the acquired lands for the purpose identified in the order,

it is considered that, the acquisition by the local authority of the lands in question, as set out in the order and on the deposited maps, is necessary for the purposes stated and the objections cannot be sustained having regard to the said necessity.



**Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this *1st* day of *September* 2014.