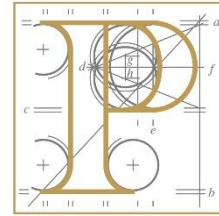


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Frank Pentony
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Louth County Council
County Hall
Millennium Centre
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Co. Louth

Date: 19 August 2021

**Re: EIA Direction - N52 Ardee Bypass, Ardee, Co. Louth
Ardee, Co. Louth**

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned proposed development which is currently the subject of an EIAR Screening determination request with the Board.

The Board notes that the Schedule 7A information has not been formally submitted. The Board notes that you have furnished it with a Schedule 7 Screening Report for EIA but considers that it would not be procedurally correct to accept this in place of the Schedule 7A information. In this regard, your attention is drawn to article 120(3)(ca) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, as introduced by European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018 (SI No. 296 of 2018), which provides that '*The Board shall, by notice in writing served on the local authority, require the local authority to submit to the Board the information specified in Schedule 7A for the purposes of a screening determination*'.

In this regard, you are requested to submit to the Board the information as specified in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

For ease of reference, the information to be provided under Schedule 7A is as follows:

1. A description of the proposed development, including in particular:
 - (a) a description of the physical characteristics of the whole proposed development and, where relevant, of demolition works, and
 - (b) a description of the location of the proposed development, with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected.
2. A description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development.

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3. A description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of the proposed development on the environment resulting from:
 - (a) the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant, and
 - (b) the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity.
4. The compilation of the information at paragraphs 1 to 3 shall take into account, where relevant, the criteria set out in Schedule 7.

Furthermore, you are requested to clarify the status of the Part 8 application.

The information referred to above should be received by the Board within 4 weeks from the date of this notice (i.e. no later than **5.30 p.m. on the 16th September 2021**). Please provide 2 x hardcopies and 1 soft copy of your response.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



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