



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála



Commission Order
ACP-323833-25

Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

(Associated application reference number: HA0041)

19 FEB 2026

REQUEST received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 30th day of October 2025 from Galway County Council under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of the N59 Maam Cross to Oughterard Road Project, County Galway approved under An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number HA0041.

WHEREAS the Commission made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, the above-mentioned development by order dated the 20th day of December 2013,

AND WHEREAS the Commission has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as the amendment of Condition 2 of HA0041, to remove the requirement for the 'agreement' and/or 'approval' of National Parks and Wildlife Services and Inland Fisheries Ireland referenced within the Revised Schedule of Additional Mitigation Measures and Environmental Commitments as part of the condition,

AND WHEREAS the Commission decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration

would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the Commission decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to the amendment,

AND WHEREAS having considered all the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Commission considered in accordance with section 146B(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby alters Condition 2 of the decision by adding "as altered by the submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála dated the 23rd day of October 2025" in accordance with the application received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 30th day of October 2025 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

The altered condition shall read as follows:

"The proposals, mitigation measures and commitments set out in the environmental impact statement and Natura Impact Statement and supporting documentation, and as further clarified in the "Revised Schedule of Additional Mitigation Measures and Environmental Commitments" submitted by the road authority to the oral hearing on the 20th day of August 2013 as altered by the submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála dated the 23rd day of October 2025 shall be implemented as part of the proposed road development.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and to mitigate the environmental effects of the proposed road development and to protect the amenities of the area and of property in the vicinity

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature of the proposed alteration which seeks to remove the requirement within the Revised Schedule of Additional Mitigation Measures and Environmental Commitments that the agreement of National Parks and Wildlife Services and Inland Fisheries Ireland be required as part of a compliance condition under HA0041,
- (ii) the agreement of National Parks and Wildlife Services and Inland Fisheries Ireland to the proposed alteration,
- (iii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iv) the limited nature and extent of the proposed alteration when considered in relation to the overall approved development,
- (v) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European Sites) arising as a result of the proposed alteration, and,
- (vi) report of the Commission's Inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby makes the said alterations.



Mick Long

**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this *17th* day of *February* 2026

