GALWAY CITY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER

Order No.: 034558

Subject: Confirmation Order of Galway City Council BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development Compulsory Purchase Order No. BCGDR-CPO-001, 2025.

I, Patricia Phibin, Interim Deputy Chief Executive, Galway City Council, by virtue of the powers, functions and duties conferred on me by the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended), hereby order THAT:-

1. In accordance with Section 216(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and in accordance with An Bord Pleanála's letter dated 30th September 2025, the **Galway City Council BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development Compulsory Purchase Order No. BCGDR-CPO-001, 2025,** being for the purpose of the construction of BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development in the City of Galway, together with all ancillary works associated therewith, and for the purposes of providing infrastructure to facilitate walking, cycling and Public Transport, be CONFIRMED, with modification as outlined in the An Bord Pleanála's letter dated 30th September 2025.
2. That all statutory advertisements and notices be published and served in relation to the above Compulsory Purchase Order.

Signed this 17th **day of October 2025.**

Patricia Philbin

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Interim Deputy Chief Executive,
Galway City Council.

An Coimisiún Pleanála

Commission Order ABP-321882-25

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Act, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Application received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 14th day of February 2025 from Galway City 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 Act, 2000 to 2022, for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development, Compulsory Purchase Order Number BCGDR-CPO-001-2025.**

Decision

CONFIRM the above the Compulsory Purchase Order with modifications based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having considered the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, the report of the Inspector who considered the objections, the purpose of the Compulsory Purchase Order to facilitate the delivery of BusConnects; sustainable public transport and active travel infrastructure, and also having regard to:

(a) the constitutional and convention protection afforded to property rights,

(b) the substandard infrastructure provided for along the existing route,

(c) the strategic nature of the scheme in the context of reducing carbon emission and climate change,

(d) the community need, and public interest served and overall benefits, including benefits to a range of road users to be achieved from use of the acquired lands,

(e) the proportionate design response to the identified need,

(f) the suitability of the lands and the necessity of their acquisition to facilitate the provision of the BusConnects Sustainable Public Transport and Active travel Scheme,

(g) the policies and objectives of the Galway City Development Plan 2023- 2029,

(h) the submissions made at to the Commission, and,

(i) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the acquisition of these lands on a permanent and temporary basis, restriction, acquisition and interference of rights of way, by Galway City Council, as set out in the Compulsory Purchase Order and on the deposited maps, is necessary for the purpose stated, which is a legitimate objective being pursued in the public interest, and that the Compulsory Purchase Order and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners are proportionate to that objective and justified by the exigencies of the common good.

In reaching this conclusion, the Commission agrees with and adopts the analysis contained in the report of the person who conducted the assessment of the objections and agrees to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order including the alterations to the proposed land take from Flannery's Motor Inns Designated Activity Company (Plot Number 214.a.101, 214.b.201) and Atlantic Technological University (Plot Number 220.a.101, 220.c.201) as described in the amended relevant extracts from the Compulsory Purchase Order schedule set out in Table 2-4 Proposed Revised Compulsory Purchase Order Number BCGDR-CPO-0001-2025 Schedule Part I page 27 set out in Galway City Council 'Response to Submission' and Compulsory Purchase Order objections dated June 2025. Revised deposit map and server maps addressing this amendment are included in Appendix A of Galway City Councils 'Response to Submissions and Objections' dated June 2025.

SCHEDULE

The Compulsory Purchase Order (Deposit Maps and Schedules) shall be modified as follows:

Alteration to **Plot Number. 214.a.101, 214.b.201** and **Plot Number. 220.a.101, 220.c.201** as described in the amended relevant extracts from the Compulsory Purchase Order schedule set out in Table 2-4 Proposed Revised Compulsory Purchase Order Number BCGDR-CPO-0001-2025 Schedule Part I page 27 set out in Galway City Council 'Response to Submission' and Compulsory Purchase Order objections dated June 2025.

Reason: To take account of updated information.

Chris McGarry
Member of An Coimisiún Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 30th **day of** September **2025**