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**Date:** 6th May 2022

**Re:** Railway works and all works necessary to eliminate and, where necessary, upgrade seven numbered level crossings and carry out all associated and ancillary works along a 24-kilometre section of the Dublin to Cork Railway Line.  
Fantstown, Thomastown, Ballyhay, Newtown, Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village), Shinanagh and Buttevant, Co. Cork and Co. Limerick.

Dear Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to your letter dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 in relation to the above-mentioned railway order application case.

The pre-application consultation case which preceded the railway order application in this particular instance was ABP-305149-19. A report (dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021) was compiled by the reporting inspector on this case and forms part of the file which was available for public inspection following the formal closure of the pre-application consultation case. The said report was completed following a request for closure of the pre-application consultation process by the prospective applicant.

A memorandum dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 preceded this report and sought a direction from the Board as to whether the proposed works could be considered 'railway works' as defined in the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001, as amended, and could be dealt with as a single railway order application given the multiple locations involved. By Board Direction dated the 8th June 2020, the Board directed that the proposed works could be considered as 'railway works' and that a single railway order would be appropriate with regard to the multiple locations.

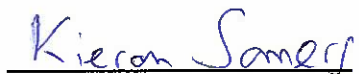
In response to your query, the said memorandum formed part of the file and was available for public inspection following closure of the pre-application consultation process. The said memorandum was included by the applicant in its subsequent railway order application to the Board; it is contained in the document titled An Bord Pleanála (ABP) Consultation dated March 2021. The railway order application was received by the Board on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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I trust this provides clarity and is of assistance.

Yours faithfully,



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Dear Sir Madam,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of 26 April 2021 in response to mine of 9 April 2021 on behalf of the Board of anagement of Ballyhea National School in which I sough clarification with regard to a text prepared by a planning inspector and dated 30 May 2020 denominated a "Memo" but also referred to as an "Inspector's Report", and asking if this document has been included in the material published by CIE in their application to the Bord as per reference above.

I should say that the "Memo/Inspector's Report" formed part of the pre application process conducetd by CIE and ABP under Case ref 3051149-19. As this phase of the process has been determined and concluded, I take it that the "Inspector's Report/ Memo" has been published by ABP and is available for public consultation. My question is: did CIE include this "Memo/Inspector's Report" in the documents supplied to ABP in application and to the general public in consultation?

Also, I should be glad were you able to clarify the technical nature of the document in Case ref. 305149-19: is it a "Memo" or is it "An Inspector's Report?"

While awaiting your kind attention in this matter, I avail of the opportunity of presenting my very best good wishes as I remain,

Yours Sincerely

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