

**Comhairle Contae Ros Comáin** Roscommon County Council



## TO: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Athlone Municipal District

RE: Declaration of a Public Road Roads Act 1993, Section 11 Roads Regulations 1994, Part 2 Local Government Reform Act 2014 Schedule 3

## Request for Private Road to be Taken-in-Charge: Curraghgower, Ballinasloe, Co. Roscommon

A request was received from the resident and landowner on a private road at Curraghgower, Ballinasloe to be declared a public road. Where a road is declared a public road, the Council will be responsible for the future maintenance of the road. Drawings are attached showing the road requested to be taken in charge. The declaration of a road to be a public road is a reserved function to be performed by Municipal District Members under Schedule 3 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

In accordance with the Roads Act 1993 Section 11 (b) Roscommon County Council has considered the following:

(i) Satisfied itself that the road is of general public utility.

The private road has been examined by Roads and Transportation technical staff is approximately 200m in length and serves a dwelling house and farmlands

Roscommon County Council has not satisfied itself that the road is of general public utility.

## (ii) Considered the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration.

The level of funding required from Department of Tourism Transport and Sport is not adequate to address the maintenance of the existing public road network. As the only benefit will be to the landowner the Engineer has recommended that the Council should maintain its prudent policy of not spending public monies on private roads. The estimated cost to bring this road to an acceptable standard is €15,000 and the Council would also be charged with the future maintenance of the road.

I do not recommend the taking in charge of this section of road within Athlone Municipal District administrative area.

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Eugene Dwyer, Senior Engineer Head of Roads and Transportation 8/3/2017.





