

**To:** Michael Kenny, Acting Director of Services  
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**From:** Patricia Hyland Assistant Planner

**Subject:** Determination of Requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Draft Monasterevin LAP 2015-2021.

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I refer to Section 20(3)(f) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000- 2012 regarding the requirement to determine whether or not the Draft Monasterevin LAP requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Appropriate Assessment or both.

Schedule 2A of the SEA Regulations 2004 set out the following criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment:

*1. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to*

- the degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources,*
- the degree to which the plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy,*
- the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development,*
- environmental problems relevant to the plan,*
- the relevance of the plan for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment (e.g. plans linked to waste-management or water protection).*

*2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to*

- the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects,*
- the cumulative nature of the effects,*
- the transboundary nature of the effects,*
- the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents),*
- the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected),*
- the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:*

- (a) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage,
- (b) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values,
- (c) intensive land-use,

- the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status.

Following the screening process, whereby the specific context of the proposed Draft Monasterevin Local Area Plan has been assessed vis a vis the environmental significance criteria as outlined above, it is considered that significant environmental impacts can be ruled out in respect of the draft Monasterevin Local Area Plan 2015-2021.

**Recommendation**

I therefore recommend that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for the proposed Draft Monsterevin LAP.

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