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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders

**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XAB
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8**

Maynooth Eastern Ring Road

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, , Kildare County Council is proposing to construct a single carriageway road of 1.55km in length linking the R148 Leixlip Road and the R405 Celbridge road within the townlands of Maynooth, Railpark and Money Cooley, Co. Kildare.

The proposed development will comprise a single carriage way road of 1.55km in length, the upgrade of two junctions at the northern and southern tie-ins to provide access onto the new development. A bridge crossing is also required as part of the proposed development to bridge over the Royal Canal and the Dublin to Sligo railway line. The route will provide pedestrian and cycle facilities and an access link to the Royal Canal Towpath. A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in the Section 2 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report with drawings provided in Appendix A.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the guidance contained in the document entitled "*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities*" (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009) and following an examination of the objective information provided in the "*Appropriate Assessment Screening for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road*" (the Screening Report) prepared by a consultant ecologist with Roughan and O'Donovan, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, their conservation objectives or integrity, and therefore does not require an Appropriate Assessment.

Key points in the determination

- One Special Area of Conservation – the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC Site Code:001398 – occurs within the likely zone of impact of the proposed development, approximately 0.75km from the subject site.
- There is no potential for significant effects on the local groundwater flow regime and subsequently on any associated qualifying interest of the Rye Water Vally Carton SAC Site Code:001398
- There is no potential for cumulative impacts on the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC Site Code:001398 or any other European Site.

Therefore a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the project appraisal either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.



Eoghan Lynch,
Senior Executive Planner
10th May 2019



ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by Roughan & O'Donovan, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road project, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 10/03/2019



Chief Executive