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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders

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

**Maynooth Eastern Ring Road**

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 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 3 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report with drawings provided in Appendix A.

Having regard to EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (the EIA Directive), the guidance contained in: *“Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development”* (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2003); *“Environmental Impact - Assessment of Projects - Guidance on Screening”* (published by the European Commission in 2017); *“Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment”* (published by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in 2018); and on the basis of the objective information provided in the *“Maynooth Eastern Ring Road Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report”* (the Screening Report) prepared by Roughan and O'Donovan, as informed by specialist input as detailed in Section 5 of the screening report, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

It is considered that the Screening Report has been carried out giving full consideration to the EIA Directive and in particular to Annex I, II and III of that Directive, which set out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA.

As the proposed Maynooth Eastern Ring Road is sub-threshold, it has, therefore, been assessed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the criteria for determining whether or not a development would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment as outlined within Annex III of the EIA Directive.

It is further considered that the Screening Report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the proposed project on the environment, having regard to the foregoing and in particular:

- The size and design of the whole project;
- Cumulation with other existing and/or proposed projects;
- The use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
- The production of waste;

- Pollution and nuisance;
- The risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge; and
- The risk to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution).

Section 5 of the report provides a reasonable description and assessment of the types and characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed development and Appendix B provides the EIA Screening Checklist.

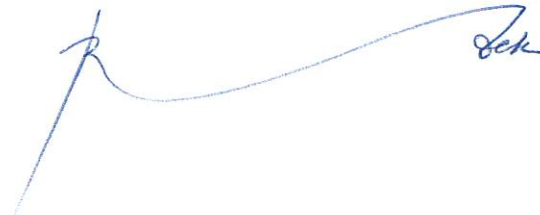
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It is considered that the environmental effects arising from the proposed project will generally be localised, minor in nature and occur principally during the construction phase. I concur with the conclusion and recommendation of the screening report not likely to have significant effects on the requirement and does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report to be prepared or an Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted.

  
 Eoghan Lynch  
 Senior Executive Planner

  
 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019



**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by Roughan & O'Donovan Engineers, with additional specialist input as detailed in Section 5 of that report, makes a determination that the proposed Maynooth Eastern Ring Road would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the proposed project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Date: 18/05/2019

  
 Chief Executive