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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**

**NAAS INNER RELIEF ROAD – DUBLIN ROAD TO BLESSINGTON ROAD  
PLANNING REFERENCE: P82019-07**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to develop a new road, the Naas Inner Relief Road, running from Dublin Road (R445) to the Blessington Road (R410), via Tipper Road, Naas, Co Kildare. The proposed development, which is the subject of this Part 8, will include the following:

- The installation of a 6.5 metre wide carriageway pavement with 3.25 metre wide median, two 2 metre wide verges, two 2 metre wide footways and two 2 metre wide cycletracks
- The installation of one new junction and the upgrade of existing junctions.
- Earthworks
- Drainage
- Public Utilities
- Traffic Signs and Road Markings
- Temporary Traffic Management
- Landscaping, Site Boundary treatments and all associated site development works.

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 "*Naas Inner Relief Road Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment*" (the Screening Report) prepared by Doherty Environmental Consultants (DEC) Ltd., Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the Naas Inner Relief Road (Dublin Road to Blessington 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.

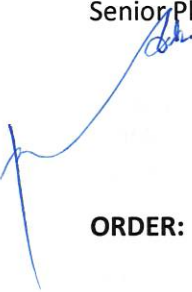
The principal reasons supporting this determination include:

- The assessment of the impact pathways between the proposed road development and the seven European Sites identified in the Screening Report which are located within 15km of the subject site, and an additional four European sites identified in the Screening Report that are more than 15km from the subject sites but which may have hydrological links to the study area, has shown that no element of the project is likely to result in significant physical or ecological change to, or cause an impact or effect on, any features of interest or conservation objectives of any Natura 2000 site within 15km of the proposed project or with a direct hydrological connection to the proposed project.
- Given the fact that the site is remote from any of the identified European Sites (approximately 7.7km from the nearest site at Red Bog SAC), with significant degrees of hydrological separation from other more remote sites, it is considered that no significant cumulative impact would be envisaged for the project alone or in combination with other projects. No significant cumulative impacts are foreseen that are likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 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.



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**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the Naas Inner Relief Road Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment, prepared by Doherty Environmental Consultants (DEC) Ltd., makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Naas Inner Relief Road (Dublin Road to Blessington Road), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 25/2/19

  
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Chief Executive