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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**

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

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 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 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 "*Naas Inner Relief Road Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report*" (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, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

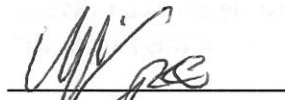
It is considered that the Screening Report has been carried out giving full consideration to the EIA Directive and in particular to Annex I, II and III of that Directive, which set out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA.

As the proposed Naas Inner Relief Road (Dublin Road to Blessington 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.

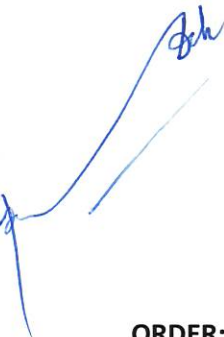
It is further considered that the Screening Report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the proposed project on the environment, having regard to the foregoing and in particular:

- The characteristics of the proposed development;
- The scale and nature of the proposed development;
- The characteristics and sensitivities of the receiving environment;
- Cumulation with other existing and/or proposed projects.

It is considered that given the scale and nature of the project and taking into account all available information, the overall probability of impacts on the receiving environment arising from the proposed development (during the construction or operational phases) is considered to be low, with such impacts being localised and minor in nature.



Liam McGree
Senior Planner



ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by Doherty Environmental Consultants (DEC) Ltd. makes a determination that the proposed Naas Inner Relief Road (Dublin Road to Blessington 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: 25/2/19



Chief Executive