

COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL DARA

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 to Kill Cycle Scheme**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing a cycle scheme from Naas to Kill, Co. Kildare. The works involve the following:

- The provision of a 3m wide protected bi-directional cycle track in locations as shown on the Part 8 drawings
- The provision of a 4m wide shared pedestrian and cyclist facility in locations as shown on the Part 8 drawings
- Reduction in road carriageway width to 2 no. 3m carriageways in both Johnstown and Kill village
- The provision of raised crossings on all side roads to prioritise pedestrian movements
- Raised straight through cycle track crossings on all side roads to prioritise cyclists
- Realignment of side road junctions as shown on the Part 8 drawings
- Upgrade of a number of bus stop provisions and layouts within the extents of the scheme
- Removal of car parking spaces in both Johnstown and Kill village to facilitate safe cycle and pedestrian infrastructure in locations as shown on the Part 8 drawings
- The provision of 2 no. school zones (road markings and pencil bollards) outside of national schools in Kill village
- The provision of new controlled zebra crossing at Saplings Special School in Kill village
- The removal of existing mini roundabout at Earls Court Estate, Kill entrance and replaced with standard T-junction layout

The National Transport Agency (NTA) have developed a Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network plan and as part of this Kildare County Council proposes to deliver a high-quality upgraded cycle route from Naas to Kill Village. The proposed project comprises of a total length of c.4.5km, starting at "The Ball" roundabout located off Junction 9, the N7 and ending at the Slí na Naomh Junction, Kill Village.

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in Section 3.0 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared WSP Golder with full drawings and details provided in the Part 8 file.

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 *Screening Report*

*Habitats Appropriate Assessment* by WSP Golder, on behalf of Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed cycle scheme from Naas to Kill, 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:

- The potential for impacts has been assessed using the source – pathway – effect model.
- The nearest Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is Red Bog (site code: 000397), located approximately 7km south-east of the Part 8 site. This SAC is not connected by a waterway as per the EPA mapping 2022. There are no habitat or species synergies between the Site and SAC.
- There is no water connectivity between the Site and SACs within 15km radius as stream courses are under road infrastructure. Furthermore, due to scale of project, scale of industrialisation between the site and SACs within 15km radius and relative lack of proximity, there are no likely adverse effects on the Natura 2000 network.
- There will be no habitat or species fragmentation. Designated habitats and species of SACs will not be impacted given their distance from the existing Site.

Through an assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the Project, taking account of the processes involved and the significant distance of separation between European sites in the wider study area, it has been evaluated that there are no likely significant adverse effects on the qualifying interests or the conservation objectives of any designated European site. It is therefore highly improbable that a project of this nature and scale will have any measurable impact on the qualifying interests of Natura 2000 sites.

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.

Signed:



A/Senior Executive Planner

24/08/2022



Emer Uí Fhátharta  
Senior Planner

August 25<sup>th</sup> 2022

Stephen Ryan, DOS 25/08/22.

**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by WSP Golder on behalf of Kildare County Council, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Naas to Kill Cycle Scheme either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 25.08.2022

Annette Azeby  
Chief Executive