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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**

Proposed Redevelopment of Harbour Field, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to redevelop Harbour Field, Maynooth, Co. Kildare for amenity purposes within the townland of Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

The proposed development will comprise

- (a) the removal of the existing earthen embankment and associated stone wall to allow the creation of a high-quality waterfront with designated cycle path, pedestrian boardwalk and waterfront seating. The provision of new footpaths, new playground, skate park, a sensory play garden, climbing boulder area, outdoor gym, table tennis and lawn bowling green.
- (b) A raised plinth to accommodate future built structures including a performance space, tearoom and toilet facilities. A maintenance building and a building to house a bike hire business. A large lawn to accommodate large crowds during organised events. (Any buildings and the events space structure will form part of a future Part 8 Application)

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided the drawings and documents prepared for the Part 8 application.

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 "*Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Recommendation for Part 8 Development, Harbour Field*" (the Screening Report) prepared by Cathal O'Meara, consulting engineers, as the Competent Authority, determines that the Proposed Redevelopment of Harbour Field, Maynooth, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require and 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.

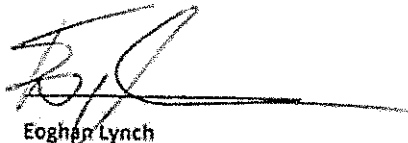
As the proposed Redevelopment of Harbour Field, Maynooth, Co. Kildare is sub-threshold, it has, therefore, been assessed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the criteria for determining whether or not a development would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment as 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, and 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).

The report provides a reasonable description and assessment of the types and characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed development.

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.



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Senior Executive Planner

25th May 2021

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ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by Cathal O'Meara Consulting Engineers, makes a determination that the proposed Redevelopment of Harbour Field, Maynooth would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the proposed project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Date: 26/5/21



Chief Executive