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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 Active Travel Scheme at Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing an active travel scheme which seeks to introduce high-quality active travel facilities along this corridor, with design solutions tailored to the local needs.

The proposed development comprises of the following:

- Provision of protected uni-directional cycle tracks on Celbridge Road as shown on the Part 8 drawings.
- Upgrade of existing footpaths in locations as shown on the Part 8 drawings.
- Provision of shared facilities for pedestrians and cyclists as shown on the Part 8 drawings.
- Provision of shared streets (for cyclists and motorists) along Railpark and Laurence Avenue to tie into existing and proposed active travel facilities.
- Provision of raised table with uncontrolled crossings at Maynooth Park/Laurence Avenue junction.
- Closure of Laurence Avenue to through vehicular traffic and provision of filtered permeability for pedestrians and cyclists as shown on the Part 8 drawings.
- Section of masonry wall at the Straffan Road/Maynooth Park junction to be set back to facilitate the provision of shared facilities (for pedestrians and cyclists) as shown on the Part 8 Drawings.
- Provision of an upgraded shared link for pedestrians and cyclists from Railpark to the Straffan Road.
- Realignment and provision of raised crossings on all side roads along Celbridge Road to facilitate pedestrian and cyclist movements within the extents of the scheme.
- Upgrade, merging and relocation of bus stop provisions on Celbridge Road as shown on the Part 8 drawings.
- Provision of 2 no. new controlled signalised toucan crossing on Celbridge Road as shown on the Part 8 drawings.
- Upgrade of 1 no. controlled signalised pedestrian crossing on Celbridge Road as shown on the Part 8 drawings.

- Upgrade of 1 no. controlled signalised pedestrian crossing on Straffan Road (near Kingsbry) to a new controlled signalised toucan crossing.
- Provision of school zone (road markings and pencil bollards) at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich and Maynooth Educate Together National School to the extents shown on the Part 8 drawings.
- Provision of new dedicated shared pedestrian and cyclist entrances at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich.
- 26 no. trees are to be removed as part of the scheme and 30+ new compensatory trees are to be planted as per the Part 8 drawings and Landscape drawings.

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 an examination of the Part 8 drawings and documents and EIA Screening Report prepared by *Atkins Realis*, on behalf of Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, Kildare County Council determines that the proposed development at **Celbridge Road, Maynooth Co. Kildare**, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Full consideration is given 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.

The proposed development does not trigger any thresholds for mandatory EIA as set in EU Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended and transposed into Irish Law by the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

In addition, the development does not trigger any of the sub-threshold criteria for EIA as per Section 50 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) and Article 8 of the Roads Regulations 1994.

As the proposed development 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.

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).

It is considered that the environmental effects arising from the proposed project will generally be localised and minor in nature with no significant effects anticipated following the implementation of suitable mitigation measures associated with best practice construction procedure.

It is therefore considered that the proposed development is not likely to give rise to significant environmental impacts and does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report to be prepared or an Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted.



Signed

Daniel Waldron Assistant Planner 16/06/2026



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Carroll Melia Senior Executive Planner 16/06/2026

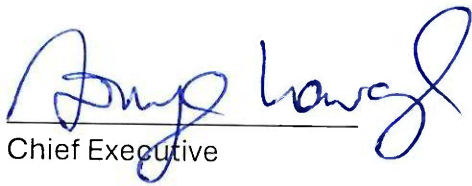


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ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by *Atkins Realis*, on behalf of Kildare County Council, hereby makes a determination that the proposed development at **Celbridge Road, Maynooth Co. Kildare**, would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the proposed project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.


Chief Executive

Date: 18/6/2026