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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

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

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) SCREENING DETERMINATION

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing an Active Travel Scheme at Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare comprising 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 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 *Celbridge Road Active Travel Scheme, Appropriate Assessment 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 or in combination with other plans and projects, does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on any European sites, their conservation objectives or integrity, and therefore does not require an Appropriate Assessment.

Key points in the determination –

- The proposed development site is not located within or adjacent to any Natura 2000 sites, so there is no risk of habitat loss, fragmentation or any other direct impacts.
- The nearest Natura 2000 sites are Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC (Site Code 001398), which is located approx. 2km from the subject site and Ballynafagh Bog SAC (Site Code 000391) which is located approx. 14.79km from the subject site.
- No potential pathways were identified to any Natura 2000 sites.
- There are no surface water, groundwater or other pathways linking the site to any European sites, so there is no risk of indirect effects.
- There are no SPA's in the vicinity of the site.

It is therefore highly improbable that a project of this nature and scale will have any measurable impact on the qualifying interests, special conservation interest or the conservation objectives of any 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 Qualifying Interests, Special Conservation Interest or Conservation Objectives.

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Signed

Daniel Waldron Assistant Planner 16/06/2026

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Signed:

Carroll Melia Senior Executive Planner 16/06/2026

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Signed:

Jane O'Reilly A/Senior Planner 17/06/2026

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ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the *Celbridge Road Active Travel Scheme, Appropriate Assessment Screening Report* prepared by *Atkins Realis* on behalf of Kildare County Council, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the **Active Travel Scheme at Celbridge Road, Maynooth** either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Qualifying Interests, Special Conservation Interest or Conservation Objectives.

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Chief Executive

Date: 18/6/2026