

Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Determination

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Naas Local Area Plan 2021 - 2027

At a Special Meeting of Kildare County Council on Monday 5th July 2021, it was resolved by the Elected Members to alter the Draft Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027 (LAP) and that these alterations constitute a material alteration to the Draft Plan.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) determination is being made by Kildare County Council regarding the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Naas Local Area Plan 2021 – 2027.

Section 20(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan warrant the undertaking of SEA.

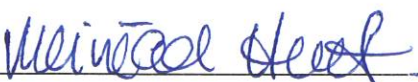
Such a determination takes into account relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004, as amended. These criteria are considered in an addendum to the SEA Environmental Report of the Proposed Material Alterations that has been prepared to inform this determination.

The SEA Addendum concludes that *'the majority of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027 satisfy the strategic environmental objectives of Kildare County Council and will not result in any significant negative impact on the environment.*

Two Proposed Material Alteration (No. 21 and 61) were identified as having potential to result in significant environmental effects. These Alterations have been subjected to SEA in this report'.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above, agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above. The undersigned hereby determines, pursuant to Section 20(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that SEA is required for Proposed Material Alterations No. 21 and 61.

This decision has been informed by the Proposed Material Alterations, SEA addendum, the SEA Environmental Report for the Draft Plan and the SFRA addendum Report for Proposed Material Alterations.

Signed: 

A/Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Development

Date: 22/07/2021