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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**

**GREEN LANE CYCLE TRACK, LEIXLIP**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to provide segregated cycle infrastructure and upgrade existing cycle lanes on Easton Road/Green Lane in Leixlip

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in the Section 2.2 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared by WSP with full drawings and details provided in the Part 8 file.

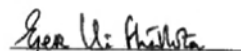
Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the guidance contained in the document entitled "*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities*" (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009) and following an examination of the objective information provided in the "*GREEN LANE CYCLE TRACK, LEIXLIP Information to Inform an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report*" (the Screening Report) prepared by WSP, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the Green Lane Cycle Track, 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.
- One Special Area of Conservation – the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC Site Code:001398 is approximately 520m from the site and it occurs within the potential zone of influence of the proposed development.
- That there is no potential for impacts arising from surface water flow due to the fact that the Project is downstream of the designated site by way of the drainage network.
- There is no potential for significant effects on the local groundwater flow regime and subsequently on any associated qualifying interest of the Rye Water Valley Carton SAC Site Code:001398
- There is no potential for cumulative impacts on the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC Site Code:001398 or any other European Site.

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.

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

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Chief Executive