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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**

**Meadowbrook Cycle Scheme**

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to construct the following a cycle scheme at Meadowbrook Road and Beaufield Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. The Scheme, known as the 'Meadowbrook Cycle Scheme', shall consist of the following:

Meadowbrook Road

The construction along Meadowbrook Road will involve the installation of northbound and southbound to standard Raised Cycle Lanes / Tracks (as per National Cycle Manual (NCM) 4.3.2/4.3.4), parallel to the carriageway, with parallel to-standard footpaths; with sections of realigned footpath to reduce the impact on trees insofar as possible.

Beaufield Close

The construction along Beaufield Close will consist of northbound and southbound cycle tracks behind verges, parallel to the carriageway with generally parallel footpaths, with sections of realigned footpath to reduce the impact on trees where possible, while providing a facility along the route which is in accordance with current standards

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in the Section 3.2.1 of the Environmental Impact Screening Report prepared by Atkins with full drawings and details provided in the Part 8 file.

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 "*Meadowbrook Cycle Scheme Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report*" (the Screening Report) prepared by Atkins, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the Meadowbrook Cycle Scheme, 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 Meadowbrook Cycle Scheme 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, 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).

Section 3 of 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 that the proposed development is not likely to have significant adverse impacts to the receiving environment and does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report to be prepared or an Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted.



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March 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

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**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by Atkins, hereby makes a determination that the proposed Meadowbrook Cycle Scheme would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the proposed project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

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Chief Executive