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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 Fire Station, Maynooth**

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

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to construct a new Three-bay fire station with training tower and associated site works at a location on the Mullen Park/ Griffin Rath Road, off Straffan Road, Maynooth, consisting of the following:

- A single storey Fire Station building with three bays (Total Area 542 sq.m. including first floor water tank storage)
- A Training tower,
- Signage,
- Landscaping,
- Connections to existing services,
- Public footpaths,
- and all associated site development works.

The gross site area of the proposed development is 3,016.2 m<sup>2</sup>.

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in Architects Report and Design Statement prepared by Vincent Hannon Architects 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 Maynooth Fire Station Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Assessment Report (the Screening Report) prepared by MKO Environment and Planning Consultants, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed Maynooth Fire Station, 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 Maynooth Fire Station 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 in accordance with the criteria set out in Schedule 7 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

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, design and location of the whole project;
- Cumulation with other existing and/or proposed projects;

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 and the conclusion of the preliminary examination, as required by Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), which has determined that formal EIA Screening is not required therefore it is not necessary to proceed to further examination and that the proposed development does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report to be prepared or an Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted.



Eoghan Lynch

Acting Senior Planner

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening exercise prepared by MKO Environmental and Planning Consultants, hereby makes a determination that the proposed Maynooth Fire Station would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the proposed project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

  
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Chief Executive