

COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL DARA

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**

**Development of a Public Library at Units 8 & 9, the Village Centre, Clane, Co. Kildare**

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

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing the refurbishment and repurposing of two existing retail units within the Village Centre at Clane for use as a Public Library.

The proposed development will consist of ;

1. The change of use of the existing retail units to use as a Library.
2. Elevational changes to the existing buildings.
3. New steel structure and hard landscaping treatment at library entrance.
4. Rear extension to existing buildings.
5. Alterations and new landscaping treatment of existing car-park and pedestrian access.
6. All associated signage, public lighting and siteworks.

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 an examination of the Part 8 drawings and documents, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed development at Units 8 & 9, the Village Centre, Clane, Co. Kildare, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Full consideration is given 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 development 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.

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).

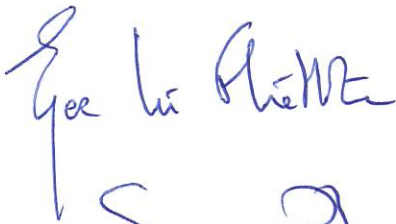
It is considered that the environmental effects arising from the proposed project will generally be localised and minor in nature. It is considered that the proposed development is not likely to give rise to significant environmental impacts and does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report to be prepared or an Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted.



Eoghan Lynch

Senior Executive Planner


Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023



Senior Planner Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority hereby makes a determination that the proposed development of a Public Library at Units 8 & 9, the Village Centre, Clane, Co. Kildare, would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the proposed project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Date: 9th January 2023

  
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Chief Executive

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**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XAB  
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8**

**Development of a Public Library at Units 8 & 9, the Village Centre, Clane, Co. Kildare**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing the refurbishment and repurposing of two existing retail units within the Village Centre at Clane for use as a Public Library.

The proposed development will consist of ;

1. The change of use of the existing retail units to use as a Library.
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6. All associated signage, public lighting and siteworks.

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 Part 8 drawings and documents, and having regard to the distance to the nearest Natura 2000 site, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed development at Units 8 & 9, the Village Centre, Clane, Co. Kildare, 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 –

- There are no Natura 2000 sites within a 5 km potential zone of impact, so all potential pathways can be ruled out.
- 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.
- During the operation of the development, foul water will be discharged to an existing foul sewer.
- The development contribute negligible additional surface water discharge from impermeable surfaces.

It is therefore highly improbable that a project of this nature and scale will have any measurable impact on the qualifying interests of 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 Conservation Objectives.



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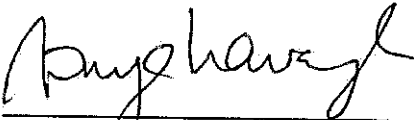
Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Eoghan Lynch  
Senior Planner

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the proposed development at Development of a Public Library at Units 8 & 9, the Village Centre, Clane, Co. Kildare, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

  
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Chief Executive

