**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, as amended,**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, as amended**

**ARTICLE 81 OF PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, as amended**

Pursuant to the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Kildare County Council hereby gives notice that it intends to carry out the following development:

**Description:**

P82022.04 Proposed Environmental and Public Realm Improvement Works in Kilcullen Town Centre (Market Square and Main Street including Part of Bentley’s Lane (L-60741-0) and part of the pedestrian walkway along the eastern banks of the River Liffey), Kilcullen, Co. Kildare

**Nature and extent of the proposed development:**

Proposed Environmental and Public Realm Improvement Works in Kilcullen Town Centre (c. 0.46 Ha), comprising:

* Footpath widening and resurfacing
* Resurfacing of riverside walkway and LED lighting introduced
* Upgrade of street furniture and street lighting to include a multi-functional lighting column in Market Square
* Resurfacing of Market Square and introduction of new stepped access from Main Street, planter and street furniture.
* Upgrade of stepped access to riverside walkway from Market Square
* Planting of 6 no. trees
* Removal of 15no. car parking spaces in Market Square and formalisation of on street parking along Main Street
* Junction improvements at/within Bentley’s Lane (L-60741-0) to include a raised pedestrian crossing
* 3 Pedestrian crossings on Main Street (2 controlled and 1 uncontrolled)
* All necessary services and utility provision and associated site works.

The development has been the subject of an Appropriate Assessment screening in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Article 250(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The Appropriate Assessment screening concluded that the proposed development would not be likely to give rise to significant or indeterminate impacts on any Natura 2000 site.

The proposed development is not of a class set out under Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and does not require Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including AA and EIA Screening Reports, will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at:

Kildare County Council, Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 X77F, from 9.30 am – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday for a period from the **9th February to 9th March 2022**. Please note that an appointment is necessary to access the building. Bookings can be made online at <http://kildare.ie/countycouncil/OnlineBookingSystem/>

Details of the proposed development are also available online at

<http://www.kildare.ie/countycouncil/AllServices/Planning/Part8Schemes/>

or

 <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse>

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made online at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse>

**Submissions must be made no later than 4.30 pm on 23rd March 2022.**

All comments including names of those making comments submitted to the Council in regard to the scheme, as outlined above, will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain. Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Signed: Mairead Hunt, Senior Executive Officer, Kildare County Council

Date: 2nd February 2022