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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
Rathangan Town Centre Environmental Improvement Works
Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to carry out environmental improvement works in the town centre of Rathangan comprising footpath widening and resurfacing, upgrade of street furniture and street lighting, replacement of existing trees with new trees and planting of additional trees, formalisation of car parking spaces and resurfacing, sensitive restoration of water pump, re-design of William A Byrne Memorial Garden, Welcome sign and gateway feature artworks on approach to town, new street lighting columns and pedestrian feature lighting to replace existing.

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in the Section 2 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and with drawings provided with the Part 8 application.

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 Appropriate Assessment (the Screening Statement) prepared by CAAS Ltd., Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed environmental improvement works in Rathangan Town Centre individually or in combination with other plans and projects, does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites, their qualifying interests, conservation objectives or integrity, and therefore does not require an Appropriate Assessment.


Key points in the determination

- The proposed project is located 8.18km from the closest European Site (Pollardstown Fen SAC);
- The proposed project is located 8.67 km from the River Barrow and River Nore SAC, 9.09km from The Long Derries Edenderry SAC, 9.33km from Mouds Bog SAC and 13.17km from Ballynafagh Bog SAC;
- There is no potential for cumulative impacts on the – River Barrow and River Nore SAC or any other European Site.

It is concluded that the Proposed Environmental Improvement Works in Rathangan Town Centre will not have an adverse impact on the integrity of European Sites. 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. This decision has been informed by analysis prepared by CAAS Ltd in addition to other material pertinent to the European held by the Council.

Signed

Date


13.01.2021

Signatory (Approved Officer):


Chief Executive, Kildare County Council

ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the AA Screening Statement prepared by Ltd., CAAS makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Proposed Environmental Improvement Works in Rathangan Town Centre project, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 10/1/21



Chief Executive