**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:**

P82021.01 Environmental improvement works in Rathangan Town Centre, Co. Kildare.

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

Kildare County Council proposes to carry out the following works -

Proposed environmental improvement works in Rathangan Town Centre, comprising:

a. Footpath widening and resurfacing

b. Upgrade of street furniture and street lighting

c. Replacement of existing trees with new trees and additional trees (5 existing trees to be removed, 14 trees proposed to replace)

d. Formalisation of car parking spaces and resurfacing, including additional disabled parking bays

e. Sensitive restoration of water pump NIAH No. 11810056

f. Re-design of ‘William A Byrne memorial garden

g. Welcome signage at approach to town

h. Gateway feature artworks on approach to town

i. New street lighting columns and pedestrian feature lighting to replace existing

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 26th January 2021 to the 23rd of February 2021. 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 9th March 2021.**

All comments including names and addresses 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: 19th Jan 2021