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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

**Craddockstown Road / Ballycane Road Improvement
Scheme, Naas, Co. Kildare**

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to carry out development comprising improvement works to the Ballycane Road and the Craddockstown Road in Naas. The location for the development is the Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare, between the Craddockstown Road/Ballycane Road Junction and Naas Community National School.

- The Scheme proposes the realignment of the Craddockstown Road between its junction with the Ballycane Road and the entrance to the school campus. The realigned carriageway will be 6.0m wide, consistent with the existing width.
- A two-way cycle track will be provided on the northern side of Craddockstown Road along the entire length of the realignment.
- A 2.0m wide footway will be provided on both sides of the Craddockstown Road along the entire length of the realignment
- The existing pedestrian crossings at the Crossroads and at the access to the school campus will be upgraded to Toucan Crossings.

A description of the proposed development has been provided in the Section 1 of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report prepared by APEM Ltd forming part of 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 Screening for Appropriate Assessment report (the Screening Report) prepared by APEM Ltd, on behalf of Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed development at Craddockstown Road / Ballycane Road, Naas, 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 – The nearest European sites to the Proposed Development are associated with the Red Bog and includes the Red Bog SAC (Site Code 000397), which is located approximately 8km south-east of the subject site. The next closest Natura 2000 sites are Poulaphouca Reservoir Special Protection Area (SPA) 004063 approximately 9 km south - east and Mouds Bog SAC 002331 approximately 9.3 km west of the Site. There is no connectivity to any other European sites within or outside the guideline 15km potential Zone of Influence. The consideration of all potential direct and indirect impacts that may result in significant effects on the conservation objectives of a European site, taking into account the size and scale of the Proposed Development have been carried out in the AA Screening, prepared by APEM Ltd, on behalf of Kildare County Council.

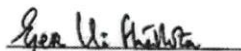
No risks to the conservation objectives of any other Natura 2000 sites are considered likely due to one or more of the following, lack of ecological or landscape connectivity between the proposed works areas and the designated area, significant buffer between the proposed works area and the designated area, the nature of the site's conservation objectives, no impact or change to the management of the designated area or; and no change to chemical or physiological condition of the designated site as a result of the proposed development.

It is therefore highly improbable that a project of this nature and scale will have any measurable impact on the qualifying interests of these 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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June 23rd 2022

ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, prepared by APEM Ltd on behalf of Kildare County Council, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the proposed Craddockstown Road / Ballycane Road Improvement works at Craddockstown Road / Ballycane Road, Naas, Co. Kildare, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 23.6.2022


Chief Executive