

## Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

## Determination

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the

## Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029

At a Special Meeting of Elected Members of Kildare County Council on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025, it was resolved to alter the Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and that these alterations constitute a material alteration to the *Proposed Variation* (No.1) and *Draft Kilcullen Settlement Plan*.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) determination is being made by Kildare County Council regarding the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Section 13(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation and Draft Settlement Plan warrant the undertaking of an SEA.

Such a determination takes into account the relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004, as amended. These criteria are considered in an addendum to the *SEA Environmental Report* of the Proposed Material Alterations that has been prepared to inform this determination.

Following a detailed examination of the Proposed Material Alterations provided in the SEA Screening Report (that accompanies and has informed this determination), it is determined that the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

This decision has been informed by the Proposed Material Alterations, SEA Addendum for the Proposed Material Alterations and the SEA Environmental Report for the Proposed Variation and Draft Settlement Plan.

Signed:

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Date: 7th February 2025