



# Comhairle Contae Chorcaí Cork County Council



**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XI**

**Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8**

## **CARRIGTWOHILL URDF INFRASTRUCTURE – PUBLIC REALM INFRASTRUCTURE BUNDLE**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SCREENING DETERMINATION**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Cork County Council is proposing to carry out public realm improvement works in the town of Carrigtwohill comprising:

- Upgrade of the Main Street and Station Road Public Realm Works;
- Wises Road Junction Upgrades; and,
- N25 Junction 3 (Cobh Cross) Additional Capacity Interim Measures.

A detailed description, illustrations and maps of the proposed development have been provided in Section 1.2 of the accompanying Part 8 Planning Application Report and in the drawings provided with the Part 8 application.

Having regard to EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (the EIA Directive), the guidance contained in: *“Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development”* (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2003); *“Environmental Impact – Assessment of Projects – Guidance on Screening”* (published by the European Commission in 2017); *“Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment”* (published by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in 2018); and on the basis of the objective information provided in the Part 8 drawings and details including the EIA Screening Report carried out by Atkins Ireland Limited dated July 2021, which concluded that the proposed development is a sub-threshold development that is unlikely to have significant environmental affects in the relevant areas, Cork County Council, as the Competent Authority, must determine whether this project individually, or in combination with other plans and projects requires an Environmental Impact Assessment.

In making a determination, consideration must be given to the EIA Directive and in particular to Annex I, II and III of that Directive, which set out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA. It is considered that the Screening Report, has been carried out giving full consideration to the EIA Directive and to Annex I, II and III of that Directive.

As the Scheme is sub-threshold, it has therefore been assessed on a case-by case basis in accordance with the Criteria for Determining Whether or Not a Development Would or Would Not be Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment as outlined within Annex III of the EIA Directive. The EIA Screening Report has considered the characteristics of the proposed development and potential impacts, the environmental site setting and the type and characteristics of potential impacts.

Having reviewed and considered the EIA Screening Report and having regard to:-

- The nature and scale of the proposed development which relates to environmental improvement works, public realm and street enhancement measures which are under the threshold in respect of Class 10(b)(iv) of Part 2, Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended and are likely to have an overall positive impact on the existing environment in that it may lead to a reduction in car use and the associated congestion / pollution associated with same;
- The urban location of the proposed development within the established built up area of Carrigwohill along an existing road network;
- The existing pattern of development and existing services in the vicinity of the proposal;
- The assessment and conclusions of the Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Screening Determination that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans / projects, are not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 site);
- The criteria set out in Article 120(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended;
- The mitigation measures proposed in the report to inform the environmental impact assessment screening of the proposed development, including the implementation of an approved CEMP, Waste & Resource Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan,

It is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and it is determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

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**NOEL SHERIDAN**

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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022