

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING



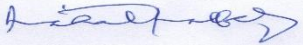
Planning Authority: Offaly County Council.

Planning Application: Proposed Part VIII - Proposal to undertake Re-Furbishment / Upgrade of Existing Bus Stops at Church Street, Clara, County Offaly, as outlined below:

Offaly County Council's Roads Department, in conjunction with the National transport Authority (NTA) proposes to undertake re-furbishment / upgrade of the existing bus stops at Church Street, Clara, County Offaly, The works will involve the following:

- Removal of existing footpaths to accommodate new proposed bus pull-in areas.
- Construction of new footpath areas & kerbing as necessary to facilitate introduction of new bus stops.
- Modification of existing footpaths to accommodate new bus stop waiting and set-down area for disabled access.
- Installation of new Kassal kerbing & pre-cast kerbing.
- Construction of 2 new bus shelters with public lighting thereto.
- Installation of New 2 No., Real Time Passenger Information Poles (RTPI's), logos, & signage.
- Re-Location / diversion of existing public services and utilities where necessary.
- Installation of new ducting to accommodate new services, where required.
- Road surfacing works as required.
- Installation of white lines, road markings and road signage.
- Associated ancillary works.
- Provision of appropriate landscaping works.

The proposed development is sub-threshold when examined against the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Schedule 5, PART 2, 10. *Infrastructure project, (b) (iv) Urban development which would involve an area greater than 2 hectares in the case of a business district, 10 hectares in the case of other parts of a built up area and 20 hectares elsewhere.* The area of the proposed works is 0.050 hectares approximately, accordingly I deem that an EIA is not required in this instance. Article 103(1) of the 2001 Planning and Development Regulations requires that where a Planning Authority considers that the sub-threshold development is likely to have significant effects on the environment, it shall request the applicant to submit an EIS. As specified by Article 103 (1), (2), and (3) and Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, and also the DoEHLG publication; *'Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) – Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold Development' 2003*, it is considered that the proposed development would be unlikely to have significant effects on the environment and will therefore not require an EIS. It is considered that there are no sensitivities relating to the characteristics and location of the proposed development, nor are there potential impacts, that would result in a likely significant impact on the environment.

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