

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING



Planning Authority: Offaly County Council.

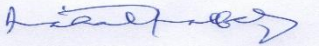
Planning Application: Proposed Part VIII - Proposal to undertake Traffic Calming Measures at: (1) Junction of Clara Road / Clontarf Road, Tullamore, (2) Junction of O'Molloy Street / Pearse Park, Tullamore & (3) Kilbride Street, Tullamore, County Offaly.

Offaly County Council's Roads Department, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) proposes to undertake the following works at the above listed locations. The works will involve the following:

- Re-modelling of the existing layout at the Clara Road / Clontarf Road Junction incorporating the installation of new raised & controlled pedestrian crossings.
- Construction of new raised Belisha Beacon pedestrian crossing with red tactile paving at the junction of Pearse Park / O'Molloy Street / Kilbride Street - approximately 30m South of Coxes Bridge (Clara Bridge).
- Construction of new raised Belisha Beacon pedestrian crossing with red tactile paving at Kilbride Street, approximately 100m East of Coxes Bridge (Clara Bridge).
- Realignment of existing kerb lines, tightening of curve radii and junction re-modelling works south of Coxes Bridge (Clara Bridge) to accommodate new raised pedestrian crossing.
- Installation of measures to discontinue vehicular access to the west side of the Kilbride Park Road.
- Provision of new road drainage and associated works where required.

- Construction of new realigned footpaths, new kerbing, and reinstatement of carriageway line markings and road signage.
- Installation of new white lines, road markings and road signage as required.
- Provision of road re-surfacing works and installation of anti-skid surfacing.
- Installation of new ducting to accommodate new services, where required.
- Installation / remodelling of existing uncontrolled crossings where required.
- Provision of appropriate landscaping works.
- Associated ancillary 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 works involved are essentially traffic calming measures to the existing junctions at the various locations as described, 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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