

Environment Impact Assessment Screening

Planning Authority : Offaly County Council

Planning Application : Part 8 proposal -Proposed new road layout at Tober National School, Tober, Co. Offaly.

Proposal

Offaly County Council in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) proposes to carry out works in the vicinity of Tober National School on the local road L-2019-2. The works will include the provision of the following;

- two controlled pedestrian crossings.
- one uncontrolled pedestrian crossing.
- new kerbing and footpaths.
- a new bus set-down at the school.
- two wheelchair accessible parking spaces.
- 14 delineated parking spaces.
- traffic calming build-outs with pencil bollards.
- ducting and drainage.
- Line marking and signage indicating one-way traffic

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Section 50 1(a) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) requires the preparation of an EIA for;

- (i) the construction of a motorway
- (ii) the construction of a busway
- (iii) the construction of a service area or

any prescribed type of road development consisting of the construction of a proposed public road or the improvement of an existing public road

Part V (8) of the Roads Regulations 1994 defines prescribed development for the purposes of subsection (1)(a)(iii) of section 50 of the Act as,

- (a) the construction of a new road of four or more lanes, or the re-alignment or widening of an existing road so as to provide four or more lanes where such new or, realigned or widened road would eight kilometres or more in length in a rural area or 500 metres or more in length in an urban area.
- (b) The construction of a new bridge or tunnel which would be 100 metres or more in length.

The proposed works will take place within the existing road boundaries of the L-2019-2 over a length of approximately 190m. The proposed project is below the threshold for the requirement of an EIA.

Article 103(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 requires that where a planning authority considers that a development may have significant effects on the environment it shall request the applicant to submit an EIS.

It is considered unlikely that the proposed development would have significant effects on the environment and therefore does not require an EIS.



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