ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING



Planning Authority: Offaly County Council.

Planning Application: Proposed Part VIII – Part 8 - Proposal to undertake road realignment works to the existing road (R441) commencing at the entrance to the Monasteroris Business Park and ending at the junction with the Killane Road (R441) / St., Francis Street Road, Edenderry, County Offaly, a distance of 270 metres approximately. Works as outlined below:

Offaly County Council's Roads Department, in conjunction with the Department of Transport (DOT) proposes to re-align & re-construct the existing public road, along with the provision of 2 No. footpaths & 1 No. Cycle-track commencing at the entrance to the Monasteroris Business Park and ending at the Killane Road (R441) / St., Francis Street, junction Edenderry, a distance of 270 metres approximately. The works will involve the following:

- Construction of approximately 270 metres of single carriageway, 7.0m wide.
- Construction of approximately 270 linear metres of 2 No. 2.25m wide footpaths.
- Drop kerbs and tactile paving at all pedestrian crossings, where required
- Construction of approximately 270 linear metres of 1 No. 1.5m wide cycle-path
- New Road tie-ins to the St., Francis Street / Killane Cross Road Junction (R441) and the existing roundabout at the entrance to the existing Monasteroris Business Park.
- Approach road modification to the existing Monasteroris Business Park roundabout and roundabout re-modelling works if required.
- Provision of road drainage within the scheme.
- In-situ kerb installation
- Installation of new public lighting.
- Construction of new boundary /walls, and timber post & rail fencing, where appropriate.

- Provision of appropriate landscaping works.
- Re-Location / diversion of existing public services and utilities where necessary.
- Installation of new ducting to accommodate new services, where required.
- Installation of white lines and road signage.
- 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 area of the proposed works is 0.324 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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