



## 202000 – URDF – Part 8

### **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for Carlow Town Centre Public Realm and Pedestrian Linkage Regeneration Project.**

Carlow County Council is proposing to enhance the attractiveness, liveability, connectivity, and economic vibrancy of the town centre via the Carlow Town Centre Public Realm and Pedestrian Linkage Regeneration Project.

The site of proposed works is located in a 1.784ha. area located along Shamrock Square including works on Green Lane (R448) and Staplestown Road (R725), Tullow Street, Potato Market, Kennedy Avenue including works on Hanover Street (R448), sections of Barrack Street and a cleared site (formerly Nos. 23-24) Barrack Street, in the townland of Carlow, Carlow Town, County Carlow.

The principal objectives of the scheme are:

- (1) clearance/removal of the existing public realm including existing roadway surface finishes and associated structures,
- (2) the provision of streetscape upgrades including new roadway finishes, paving and the creation of new public plazas/spaces,
- (3) carriageway realignment works,
- (4) amendments to existing junctions including the provision of signalisation at selected junctions,
- (5) traffic calming and pedestrian crossing measures,
- (6) provision of new and upgraded pedestrian areas including the provision of a new pedestrian link crossing Barrack Street connecting Fairgreen Shopping Centre and Carlow Shopping Centre/Potato Market. To create this new pedestrian link across Barrack Street it will be necessary to demolish an existing wall at the rear of the units formerly known as Nos. 23-24 Barrack Street as well as providing a new boundary wall at the northern boundary of the cleared site, at the boundary of the units formerly known as Nos. 22-23 Barrack Street,
- (7) provision of active travel infrastructure including new cycle paths,
- (8) amendments to vehicular movements including the provision of one-way directional traffic along sections of Tullow Street and Potato Market,
- (9) alterations to street parking including taxi ranks, ambulance parking and accessible parking spaces,
- (10) the provision of street furniture including planters, public seating, public lighting, CCTV and a new glazed canopy structure at Potato Market,
- (11) provision of public Wi-Fi, and
- (12) landscaping works, drainage/attenuation works (including SUDS measures) and all associated ancillary site works and site service provision.

Having regard to the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended, Carlow County Council determines that the scheme individually and in combination with other plans and projects,

does not need to be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and no Environmental Impact Assessment Report is required for it.

It is considered that the EIA Screening Report prepared by **Minogue Environmental Consulting Ltd.**, gives full consideration to the Directive and in particular to the requirements set out in the Directive for mandatory arid sub-threshold EIA.

It is considered that the EIA Screening Report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment having regard to the foregoing and in particular to:

- The characteristics of the proposed development
- The location of the proposed development
- The types and characteristics of potential impacts
- Cumulation of effects with those arising from other existing and/or proposed projects
- Measures to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment

The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (by **Minogue Environmental Consulting Ltd.**) carried out pursuant to the requirements of the Habitats Directive

It is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact report is not therefore required.

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