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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/04/2019.

The Board decided not to direct the road authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment report in respect of proposed Grand Canal Greenway – Hazelhatch to the 12th Lock, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the Roads Act 1993, as amended, and the Roads Act 2007,
- (b) the location of the site on lands that are zoned for Open Space use in the South Dublin County Development Plan, 2016-2022 and the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023, and the results of the strategic environmental assessments of these plans undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the SEA Directive,
- (c) the nature, scale and location of the proposed development in a rural area and along an existing canal towpath,
- (d) the proposed retention of existing trees, hedgerows and vegetation along the canal,
- (e) the design and construction methodology response to the natural heritage along the canal,

- (f) the design and construction methodology response to the protected structures along the canal,
- (g) the absence of a connection to any designated European Sites,
- (h) the submissions made, including that of South Dublin County Council and to the Part 8 Preliminary Design Report submitted,
- (i) the guidance set out the '*Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold Development*', issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government,
- (j) to the criteria set out in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and
- (k) to the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report is not therefore required.

Board Member

Date: 10/04/2019
