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Board Direction
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The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on 26/07/2024.

The Board decided that Meath County Council be advised that the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed Oldcastle public realm enhancement scheme is not required for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the following:

- The nature and scale of the proposed development,
- The location of the proposed development and the separation distances from European Sites,
- The lack of meaningful hydrological connections between the site and the European sites,
- The submissions made by the local authority, including the AA Screening Report prepared on behalf of the local authority,
- The Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- The submission made by the applicant requesting a determination,
- The report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Board to make a report and recommendation on the matter,

It is considered reasonable to conclude that on the basis of the information available, which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, that the proposed

development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the identified European sites, in view of the conservation objectives of these sites and that a Stage 2 AA and the submission of a NIS for the proposed development is not required.

Board Member



Peter Mullan

Date: 02/08/2024