

EIS Screening Determination in respect of Moneymore /Castle Manor Pedestrian Link

(a)The Project

The Project consists of a path and road cross-section which will consist of a typical, 2 m-wide concrete footpath of approx. 69m in length with a chicane system to discourage motorbikes using the path. Road crossing points are to be provided on both ends of the footpath. This is an upgrade to an existing informal pedestrian route linking the housing development of Moneymore and Castle Manor to a formal, permanent footpath to facilitate access in the wider area.

A detailed description of the Project is contained within the Moneymore/Castle Manor Pedestrian Link EIA Screening Report prepared by RPS (dated 2nd December 2024) (Report).

It references:

- A new 750mm diameter piped culvert is proposed to traverse the existing sub-standard crossing.
- A 300mm deep grassed swale will be placed along the northern side of the new embankment and outfall to the existing ditch to compensate fluvial flooding.
- The existing ditch will be regraded and reprofiled to ensure the functionality of the new culvert.
- Compound will also be located ≥ 10 m away from any existing drainage ditches.
- Four 6m lighting columns to be installed along the footpath.
- New grass verges are to be provided .
- Overall programme for the works will be circa 3 months and will proceed during the summer.



Figure 1 Site Plan

(b) Contents of EIA Screening Report

EIA Screening Report is set out as follows:

- Section 1 – Introduction.
- Section 2 – The Proposed Development.
- Section 3 – EIA Legislative Context.
- Section 4 – Methodology for EIA Screening.
- Section 5 – Screening Evaluation for Sub-Threshold Development; and
- Section 6 – Conclusion.

(c) Screening Evaluation

The screening report has determined that:

- The proposed development is not a type of development listed in Schedule 5 (Development for the Purpose of Part 10) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), that requires mandatory EIA.

- The proposed development does not fall within any of the categories of development for which EIA is considered mandatory under the Road Act 1993 (as amended) or the Road Regulations 1994 (as amended). Therefore, the requirements for a mandatory EIA can be screened out.
- This EIA Screening Report has considered the proposed development in terms of (i) Characteristics of Proposed Development, (ii) Location of Proposed Development and (iii) Characteristics of Potential Impacts, in accordance with Schedule 7 of the EIA Regulations and Annex III of the EIA Directive in determining whether the proposed development would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment.
- In considering the assessment criteria, it has been determined that there will be no likely significant effects on the receiving environment as a result of the proposed development

The Report concludes that the proposed development will not result in the potential for significant effects, and that the preparation and submission of an EIAR is not required.

(c) Determination

Having regard to the examination of the environmental information contained within the Report, I concur with RPS's conclusion and I am satisfied that having regard to the nature and the limited scale of the proposed development, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the Project.



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