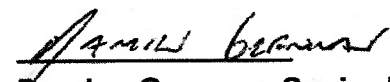


Westmeath County Council Comhairle Chontae na h-Iarmhí MEMORANDUM

To:	Anne Marie Corroon, Acting Director of Services
Copy:	Alan Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer
From:	Sean Quinn, Executive Engineer
Date:	30th June 2025
Subject:	Athlone Link Road Phase 2 – Environmental Impact Assessment Screening report Decision by the Competent Authority

I agree with the conclusion of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening report that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required for the above mentioned road scheme.



Damien Grennan, Senior Engineer

Transportation Department, Westmeath Co. Council

The Athlone Link Road Phase 2 project will consist of the following:

- New Link Road with Active Travel facilities including Segregated cycling facilities joining the Crescent Junction (R915) to Coosan Point Road/Southern Station Road Junction.
- New two-way segregated facility on Southern Station Road (West side),
- A three-metre-wide shared surface from the Crescent Junction linking to Athlone Train/Bus Station.
- A reconfiguration of, and an extension to, the existing Athlone Bus Éireann depot yard, boundary treatments, signage, drainage, and all associated ancillary works to be completed.

Enviroplan Consulting Limited have carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report for the development (copy attached dated May 2025).

The report concludes that "no significant environmental impacts are likely to occur once the proposals outlined in the applications are implemented. The information provided in this EIA Screening report can be used by the competent authority, to conclude 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 (EIAR) is not required in this case."

The main reasons and considerations on which the conclusion is based are set out in Section 6.2 of the report which sets out the EIA screening assessment of the significance of the potential effects of the development.

A formal screening decision by Westmeath County Council as the Competent Authority is now required.

Sean Quinn

Sean Quinn, E.E.

Transportation Department, Westmeath Co. Council

Report noted & conclusion agreed

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03/07/2028.



WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination

Athlone Link Road Phase 2

In accordance with the Roads Acts 1993 to 2015, and having considered the Athlone Link Road Phase 2 – EIA Screening Report and having taken into account the relevant mandatory and discretionary EIA legislative requirements, I have determined that the above project would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the Athlone Link Road Phase 2 road scheme does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Dated the 3rd of July 2025

Signed: Anne Marie Corroon

**Anne Marie Corroon, Acting Director of Services
Transportation, Planning, Regeneration and Capital Projects and Economic Development.**