



Planning Authority's *Determination Statement* on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening of the recontouring of agricultural lands by the deposition of inert (by-product) material from excavations associated with the approved R556 Rathscannell to Ballinclogher Cross Road Reconstruction Scheme, Abbeydorney, Co Kerry.

EIA Screening Determination Statement

It is noted that the EIA Screening Report dated July 2020 has been carried out giving full consideration to the plans and particulars of the proposed project and associated works and to the EIA Directive (85/337/EEC) codified by Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU.

Following the EIA screening it has been determined that the proposed project would not be likely to have a significant effect on the environment. The project should not be subject to an EIA and/or the preparation of an EIAR.

It is considered that the report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment from the project. The assessment as reported is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Features and/or Measures to Avoid/Prevent Significant Effects

Overall the EIA Screening considered impacts or effects to be minor in nature and do not pose a significant adverse effect on the environment. Standard best practices in the management of construction works and adherence to good practices and IFI guidelines will minimise and reduce potential impacts of the project on the local environment. As is standard practices the land holding will be subject to pre-development archaeological testing.

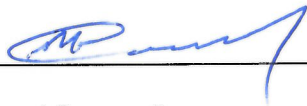
Reason for the Determination:

- The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected were not deemed sensitive to the nature, scale or location of the proposed project,
- The works will occur in close within lands of low environmental sensitivity which will revert back to their existing use post-deposition of material, namely improved agricultural grassland,
- The project as proposed is not complex or technically difficult to achieve
- The impacts/effects identified specifically related to management of the material/local traffic movements and archaeological investigations. These impacts were considered to be relatively minor in nature and to not pose a significant adverse effect on the environment,



- Following adherence to TII guidelines particularly in relation to the management of traffic and archaeology and adherence to IFI requirements will minimise and reduce the identified potential impacts of the project on the local environment, and
- no in combination or cumulative impacts were identified between this project and/or the previously assessed and approved R566 scheme or other proposed/foreseeable projects/plans in the vicinity. The works are proposed on lands of low ecological value with no potential to significantly affect the environment identified.

Signed



Date

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