

**Preliminary  
Environmental Impact Assessment  
Screening Report**

**for proposed**

**Car / bus park and amenity works project,  
Annadale Road, Killorglin, Co. Kerry**



**Environmental Assessment Unit  
Kerry County Council**

### **1.1 Introduction**

The Environmental Assessment Unit (Planning and Sustainable Development Department) has been requested by the Operations Department, Kerry County Council to assist in forming an opinion as to whether or not the proposed project, should be subject to EIA Screening or EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment). The proposed works provide for the extension to the existing car park area along with amenity works at Annadale Road, Killorglin, Co Kerry. This report comprises a Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report and is based on objective professional judgement and expertise.

### **1.2 Legislative context**

EIA legislation sets down the types of projects that may require an EIA. Annex I of Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU' defines mandatory projects that require an EIAR and Annex II lists projects which can be subject to case by case analysis or thresholds to be determined by member states. Irish thresholds are outlined in the Roads Regulations and the Planning and Development Regulations.

In relation to carparking the threshold is outlined Schedule 5, Part 2, Infrastructure Projects 10(b), of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended as follows:-

*'Construction of a car-park providing more than 400 spaces, other than a car-park provided as part of, and incidental to the primary purpose of, a development'*.

### **1.3 Methodology**

Following on from an outline of a project as described in Section 2 of this report, the preliminary screening exercise will be outlined in Section 3. Section 4 outlines the conclusion.

## **2. Project Description**

The proposal provides for an extension to the capacity of the existing Car Park at the Annadale Road in Killorglin Town, as well as the provision of a public amenity in the form of a grassed open space area with footways and a maximum of 5 wooden picnic tables. The capacity of the car park will increase by 53 car spaces from 37 to 90 spaces. 6 new coach spaces will also be created. The area of the development is 3579m<sup>2</sup> (0.358Ha / 0.884 acres) on a site at edge of Killorglin Town Centre. The proposed works would link in with the existing carpark and amenity trails along the banks of the River Laune.

## **3. Preliminary Screening Exercise**

The proposed scheme has been assessed in terms of the mandatory requirement for an EIA based on the nature or scale of the development, as addressed in the EU Directive 2014/52/EU, the Roads and Planning Acts. It is considered that the proposed development is not one which falls within the scope of mandatory EIA.

In particular, it is noted that a carpark of 400 spaces or more is not proposed in this instance. The total number of carparking spaces will be increased by 53 from 37 to 90 with an additional 6 No. Bus spaces also provided for.

In consideration of the requirement for significant effects on the environment, the Source-Pathway-Receptor model is used to review the characteristics of proposed development, location of the proposed development and the characteristic of the potential impacts. As outlined under Section 2. above, the characteristics of proposed development include standard road project works within an area occasionally used as an informal parking area. The site while located in close proximity to a special area of conservation (Castlemaine Harbour SAC), is also located within Killorglin Town and is zoned for carparking and amenity land uses.

These are small scale works, which do not involve the creation of significant pollution or waste, risk of major accidents or risk to human health. While Japanese Knotweed is located in the area adjoining the site, there are no invasive species located within the works area.

The proposal is a natural extension to the existing carpark and it is noted that the area functions as an informal carparking area – particularly during events such as Puck Fair.

No significant cumulative impacts are likely to arise in view of the small scale and contained nature of the works. No Archaeological issues arise. Therefore, in consideration of the nature, scale and location of the development, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.

<b>Development Features</b>	<b>Preliminary Examination</b>
Annex I Project	No
Annex II Project	No
Sub-threshold Project	Yes
Characteristics	Small scale, straightforward works. Not a complex construction.
Location	Works located within an urban setting between the existing carpark and an alluvial Woodland to the south and the River Laune Estuary to the east – both of which form part of the Castlemaine Harbour SAC.
Impacts	Minor – temporary and manageable. No significant operational stage impacts
Potential for significant effects	No
EIA or EIA Screening required	No

**Conclusion**

In consideration of the nature, scale and location of the development, it is concluded that there is no significant and realistic doubt in regard to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. EIA Screening nor EIA are required in this instance.

**Reasons for conclusion**

- The proposal is substantially below relevant mandatory EIA thresholds.
- There are no potential cumulative or in combination effects likely to arise.
- There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development.

**Influential measures incorporated into the project envisaged to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment**

None required