



Meath County Council

Appropriate Assessment

Determination

From: Jennifer McQuaid, Executive Planner

File Reference: P8/

Description of Development: This application relates to:

- the continued use and to make permanent, a traffic management scheme for Convent Road (L-34002-0) in the Townland of Athlumney in Navan.

The scheme was delivered as a 12-month trial via a process under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009, as amended. The works which are proposed for permanent use are located within existing roadway boundaries.

The Scheme provides for:

- a) The closure of part of Convent Road to vehicular traffic from the Riverside development to Athlumney Castle (with local access provided);
- b) Traffic calming on Convent Road in proximity to the entrance to the Loreto Secondary School;
- c) Enhanced public lighting;
- d) Provision of CCTV for the purposes of traffic management, public order and safety in public places;
- e) Landscaping measures;
- f) Road surfacing, erection of signage; and
- g) Ancillary works

The works include the following elements;

- Construction of new kerb lines for build outs
- Provision of new sections footpath and upgrading of existing surfaces on footpaths
- Provision of controlled crossings points for pedestrians
- Provision of raised tables/ramps to control and regulate vehicular speeds
- Provision for shared road space for cycling
- Provision of cctv poles and cabinets and connection of same to electricity supply network
- Earthworks / excavations of existing roadways and verges, of existing roadway/footpaths, for service ducts and road crossings, etc.

- All associated civil works with the above i.e., micro-ducting, drainage improvements, concreting, macadam works, etc.

Location: The site is located in the townland of Athlumney in Navan, Co. Meath. The site is approximately 150 metres east of Navan town centre just off the R-135 along Convent Road.

The Screening for Appropriate Assessment was carried out by Roughan & O'Donovan (ROD) and their screening conclusion states the following:

'It In accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, Part XAB of the Planning and Development Acts, the relevant case law, established best practice and the Precautionary Principle, this AA Screening Report has examined the details of the Filtered Permeability Scheme at Convent Road, Navan, Co. Meath, and the relevant European sites and has concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the Project, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, in view of best scientific knowledge, is not likely to give rise to impacts which would constitute significant effects in view of the Conservation Objectives of the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC and the River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA, or any other European site.

In light of this conclusion, it is the considered opinion of ROD, as the author of this AA Screening Report, that Meath County Council, as the Competent Authority, may find in completing its AA Screening in respect of the Filtered Permeability Scheme, that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC and the River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA or any other European site, in view of best scientific knowledge and the Conservation Objectives of the site concerned. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the author of this AA Screening Report that the Competent Authority may determine that AA is not required in respect of the proposed development."

Having regard to this screening report, it is considered that Meath County Council can determine that the proposed development will not affect the integrity of any designated site.

The assessment as reported is adopted as the determination of Meath County Council.



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