

PART 8

EIA SCREENING PROCEDURE

Planning & Development Regulations 2001 to 2021 – Part 10

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Proposing Department: Transport, Assets and Projects
Responsible Officer: Thomas Lynch (Executive Engineer)
Proposed Development: Re-Development of the Fair Green in Oldcastle into a Play Park
Site Location: Fair Green Railway Yard, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

1. (a) Is the development of a type set out in Part 1 of Schedule 5:

No

(b) If 'Yes', specify which Class and notify Responsible Officer of requirement to proceed to Article 117 scoping and/or Section 175 application to An Bord Pleanála, as necessary:

N/A

2. (a) Is the development of a type set out in Part 2 of Schedule 5:

No

(b) If 'Yes', specify which Class and notify Responsible Officer of requirement to proceed to Article 117 scoping and/or Section 175 application to An Bord Pleanála, as necessary:

N/A

3. (a) Is the development of a type set out in Part 2 of Schedule 5 which does not exceed a quantity, area or other limit specified in respect to the relevant class of development:

No

(b) If 'Yes', specify which Class and proceed to Question 4:

Sub-threshold Development – Preliminary Examination (Step 1)

4. Provide a preliminary examination of the proposed development in accordance with Article 120(1)(a) referencing its nature, size and location of the proposed development:

This application relates to the proposed re-development of the Fair Green in the town of Oldcastle Co. Meath into a Play Park with associated site works. The site is zoned as G1 – Community Infrastructure and located on Railway Yard in the town of Oldcastle in the townlands of Oldcastle.

The proposed site size is approximately 4,980 m.sq. and will provide a Play Park to include:

- Multi-use games court.
- Informal sports courts.
- Skate / pump track.
- Exercise equipment.
- Play areas for age groups 0 -12 years.
- Open green spaces.
- Picnic seating.
- Hard and soft landscaping.
- Hard surface paths throughout.
- New public lighting and CCTV.
- Retain and make good existing 1.5m – 4m high natural stone walls.
- All associated works including netting behind sports areas, surface water drainage, ducting, piping, and ancillary works.
- Provision for a temporary works compound for the duration of the works.

Preliminary Conclusion

- there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, and an EIA is not required [Article 120(1)(b)(i)]
- there is significant and realistic doubt in regard to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and the information specified in Schedule 7A is required for the purposes of a screening determination [Article 120(1)(b)(ii) – proceed to Q. 5] ¹
- there is a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and an EIAR is required in respect of the development [Article 120(1)(b)(iii)] ²

Specify reason(s)

Through preliminary examination of the proposal and discussion with various internal sections / departments it is the opinion of the Planning Authority that the environmental impacts of the project are thought not to be significant and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) under current EIA legislation is not required in this instance.

¹ Notify Responsible Officer of requirement to provide Schedule 7A information.

² Notify Responsible Officer of requirement to provide an EIAR and proceed to Article 117 scoping and/or Section 175 application to An Bord Pleanála.

Part 8 Notices to indicate conclusion in accordance with Article 120(1)(b)(i).

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 5/2/23

Senior Executive Engineer
Date:



Chief Executive
Date:

Sub-threshold Development – Screening Determination (Step 2)

5. Provide a screening determination of the proposed development in accordance with Article 120(1B) with reference to the criteria listed in Schedule 7 and the information submitted pursuant to Schedule 7A, where applicable:

See attached determination sheet

Screening Determination

- there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and an EIA is not required [Article 120(1B)(i)]
- there is a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and an EIAR is required in respect of the development [Article 120(1B)(ii)]³

Specify reason(s)

Signatures

Dated

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³ Notify Responsible Officer of requirement to provide an EIAR and proceed to Article 117 scoping and/or Section 175 application to An Bord Pleanála.

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Sub-threshold Development – Screening Determination Sheet

1. Characteristics of Proposed Development

The characteristics of development must be considered having regard, in particular, to:

(a)	the size and design of the whole of the proposed development:	
(b)	cumulation with other existing development and/or development the subject of a consent for proposed development for the purposes of section 172(1A)(b) of the Act and/or development the subject of any development consent for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive by or under any other enactment:	
(c)	the nature of any associated demolition works:	
(d)	the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity:	
(e)	the production of waste:	
(f)	pollution and nuisances:	
(g)	the risk of major accidents, and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge:	
(h)	the risks to human health (for example, due to water contamination or air pollution):	

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2. Location of Proposed Development

The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by development must be considered, having regard, in particular, to:

(a)	the existing and approved land use:	
(b)	the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground:	
(c)	the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas:	
	(i) wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths:	
	(ii) coastal zones and the marine environment:	
	(iii) mountain and forest areas:	
	(iv) nature reserves and parks:	
	(v) areas classified or protected under legislation, including Natura 2000 areas designated pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive:	
	(vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in legislation of the European Union and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure:	
	(vii) densely populated areas:	
	(viii) landscapes of historical, cultural or	

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	archaeological significance:	
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3. Types and Characteristics of Potential Impacts

The likely significant effects on the environment of proposed development in relation to criteria set out under paragraphs 1 and 2, with regard to the impact of the project on the factors specified in paragraph (b)(i)(l) to (v) of the definition of 'environmental impact assessment report' in section 171A of the Act, and having regard in particular to:

(a)	the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example, geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected):	
(b)	the nature of the impact:	
(c)	the transboundary nature of the impact:	
(d)	the intensity and complexity of the impact:	
(e)	the probability of the impact:	
(f)	the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact:	
(g)	the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and/or development the subject of a consent for proposed development for the purposes of section 172(1A)(b) of the Act and/or development the subject of any development consent for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive by or under any other enactment:	
(h)	the possibility of effectively reducing the impact:	

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