



## **AA Preliminary Examination**

**Meath County Council**

**Appropriate Assessment**

**Determination**

**From:** David O'Reilly, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Transport Department

**File Reference:** P8/23004

**Description of Development:** This application relates to the Oldcastle Main Square Public Realm Enhancement Scheme. The proposed scheme consists of the following:

- Redesign of roadways and junctions,
- Creation of new open spaces,
- Improved and wider footpaths,
- New materials palette consisting of modular paving units,
- Improved visibility for road users and pedestrians,
- Safer crossing points for pedestrians,
- Traffic Calming and improved traffic flow,
- Time restricted parking within the town centre,
- Improved links to all parts of the town including the playground and Railway Yard car park,
- Improved street lighting,
- CCTV at the Railway Yard car park,
- Installation of street furniture,
- Provision of locations for Public Artwork / sculptures within the town centre,
- Undergrounding of overhead cables,
- Enhanced landscaping to include additional trees and vegetation,
- New signage and line marking,
- New asphalt road surfacing on the regional roads,
- New drop off and pick up area for Gilson National School with new steps and crossing point.

Location: Oldcastle Main Square, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

**AA Preliminary Examination Determination:**

The Screening for Appropriate Assessment was carried out by Ecofact Environmental Consultants Ltd. and their screening conclusion states that;

“The Screening for Appropriate Assessment has determined that there is no potential for significant direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the qualifying interests of the Natura 2000 sites arising from the proposed public realm enhancement scheme at Oldcastle, Co. Meath. Therefore, Stage 2 (AA) is not required.”

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.



Fiona Lawless

Chief Executive



Date