



**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the  
Planning and Development Acts 2000-2017 for:**

**Proposed Variation 5 to the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan 2014 - 2020**

A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening determination has been made by Kilkenny County Council regarding Proposed Variation 5. Article 13 (K) of the Planning and Development Regulations (Strategic Environmental Assessment) 2004 requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Variation warrants the undertaking of environmental assessment.

The Proposed Variation is in order to:

- provide the necessary overarching policy framework to allow for temporary car parking and permanent multi storey car parking in the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan area. This is considered necessary in the short term, notwithstanding the potential advances in motorised technology in the future and the impact of any revised mobility management plan for the City and Environs.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 13K, a 'screening' of the proposed Variation was undertaken in respect of SEA. A Draft Screening report, setting out the Council's considerations with regard to the relevant criteria for determining whether the Variation was likely to have significant impacts on the environment as set out in Schedule 2A of S.I. No. 436/2004, was submitted to the environmental authorities in line with Article 13A(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations (Strategic Environmental Assessment) 2004.

None of the authorities advised that a Strategic Environmental Assessment should be carried out; the information contained in the response received from the EPA has been taken into account.

The SEA screening, which had regard to the criteria set out in schedule 2A of S.I. No. 436/2004, did not indicate that that the proposed Variation was likely to have significant impacts on the environment.

Taking into account the findings of the SEA process that are detailed in an SEA Screening Report that accompanies this Determination, Kilkenny County Council have determined that the Proposed Variation to the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014-2020 would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment, therefore an environmental assessment is not required.

Signed   
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