



**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the  
Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018 for:**

**Proposed Variation 6 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 6. 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 change the zoning on a site (of 0.39 hectares) adjacent to the Parc na Gowan housing estate in Smithland South, Kilkenny City from Community Facilities to Phase 1 Residential in order to deliver social housing units in Kilkenny City on under-utilised, serviced lands within existing communities, in line with the Government's policy outlined in *Rebuilding Ireland*.

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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