



**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the
Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended for:
Proposed Variation 4 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021**

A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening determination has been made by Kilkenny County Council regarding Proposed Variation 4. Article 13 (K) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended (the Regulations), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Variation warrants the undertaking of environmental assessment.

The purpose of this variation is to provide for two distinct measures to the Kilkenny City & County Development Plan 2021 – 2027.

The first of these is Variation 4A which is to incorporate into the Development Plan the essential elements of the Loughmacask Masterplan to underpin its implementation on a statutory basis.

The second is to amend Section 10.1.7 of the City & County Development Plan to allow for private waste water treatment systems in circumstances where the Council is satisfied that the ongoing management and maintenance of any on-site wastewater treatment system, would be maintained in the context of the proposed development as a going concern, in compliance with EPA standards and subject to a Waste Water Discharge Licence / Certificate of Authorisation as may be issued by Kilkenny County Council.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 13K, a 'screening' of the proposed Variation was undertaken in respect of SEA. Notice was submitted to the environmental authorities specified in Article 13A(4) of the Regulations.

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 the Regulations, did not indicate 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 a SEA Screening Report that accompanies this Determination, Kilkenny County Council have determined that the Proposed Variation to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021 would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment, therefore an environmental assessment is not required.

Signed 

Date 4/2/25

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