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Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended for: Proposed Extension to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021

A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening determination has been made by Kilkenny County Council regarding the proposed extension to the Development Plan. Article 4 (6) of the European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025 requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed extension warrants the undertaking of environmental assessment.

Under section 68(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended, the life of a Development Plan can be extended by resolution. The Proposed extension is to ensure alignment of the next Kilkenny City and County Development Plan with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 4(6), a 'screening' of the proposed extension 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 extension was likely to have significant impacts on the environment as set out in Schedule 2 of the Regulations, was submitted to the environmental authorities in line with Article (4)(5) 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 2, did not indicate that that the proposed extension 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 extension 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.



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Signed _____ Date _____

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