



**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the
Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended for:
Proposed Variation 8B 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 8B. 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 Variation warrants the undertaking of environmental assessment.

Variation No. 8B to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan is intended to reflect the requirements of the Government's National Planning Framework Implementation Guidelines, in relation to the District towns of Callan, Graiguenamanagh and Thomastown.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 4(6), 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 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 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 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 
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