



**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the
Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended for:**

Draft Masterplan for St. Canice's Campus

A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening determination has been made by Kilkenny County Council regarding the Draft Masterplan for St Canice's Campus on the Dublin Road in Kilkenny.

S.I. No. 456/2025 - European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations, 2025 (the Regulations) requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether any plan, which sets the framework for future development consent of projects, warrants the undertaking of environmental assessment.

Although the Masterplan does not currently set the framework for future development consents, the subsequent Variation will. Therefore, screening was carried out in relation to the Draft Masterplan.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 4(6) of the Regulations, a 'screening' of the Draft Masterplan 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 Draft Masterplan 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 responses received from the EPA and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have been taken into account.

The SEA screening, which had regard to the criteria set out in Schedule 2, did not indicate that that the Draft Masterplan was likely to have significant impacts on the environment.

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

Signed

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