



**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

RE: DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FIRE STATION, MAIN STREET, URLINGFORD
Planning & Development Acts 2000 – 2020

DATE: 10th May, 2021

Dear Councillor,

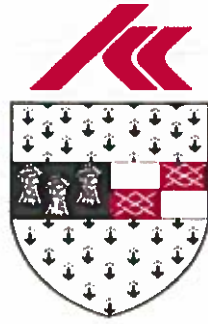
In accordance with 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2020 as amended and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Kilkenny County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out the following development:

PART VIII - DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FIRE STATION, MAIN STREET, URLINGFORD

I attach herewith Report of the Director of Services together with Planner's Report. I am satisfied that the proposed development is consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area and consistent with the provisions of the County Development Plan 2014 – 2020.

I recommend that Kilkenny County Council proceed with the proposed development in accordance with the plans made available for public inspection and taking into account the recommendations made by the Planning Department.

Colette Byrne
Chief Executive



KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT - 7th May 2021

**In Accordance with Section 179 of the
Planning and Development Acts, 2000 as amended**

**Development of a new Fire Station, Main Street, Urlingford
Part VIII Planning reference P8 01/21**

**For consideration by the Elected Members
of Kilkenny County Council
at meeting to be held
on 17th May 2021**

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1. Introduction

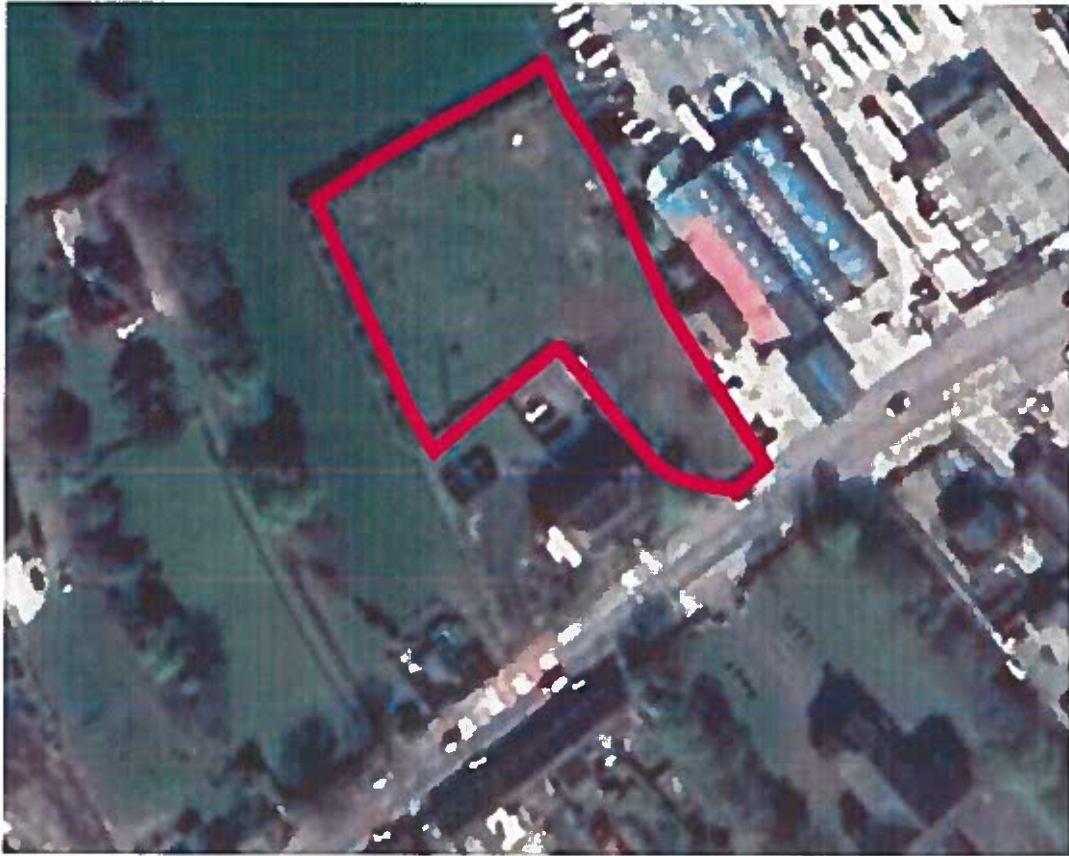
This report has been prepared for submission to the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council and contains information regarding the proposed development, issues raised following the erection of the public notice of the proposed development and the display for public inspection of the plans and particulars and other matters as required in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Acts, 2000 as amended. Planning reference **P8 01/21**.

2. Description of Proposed Development

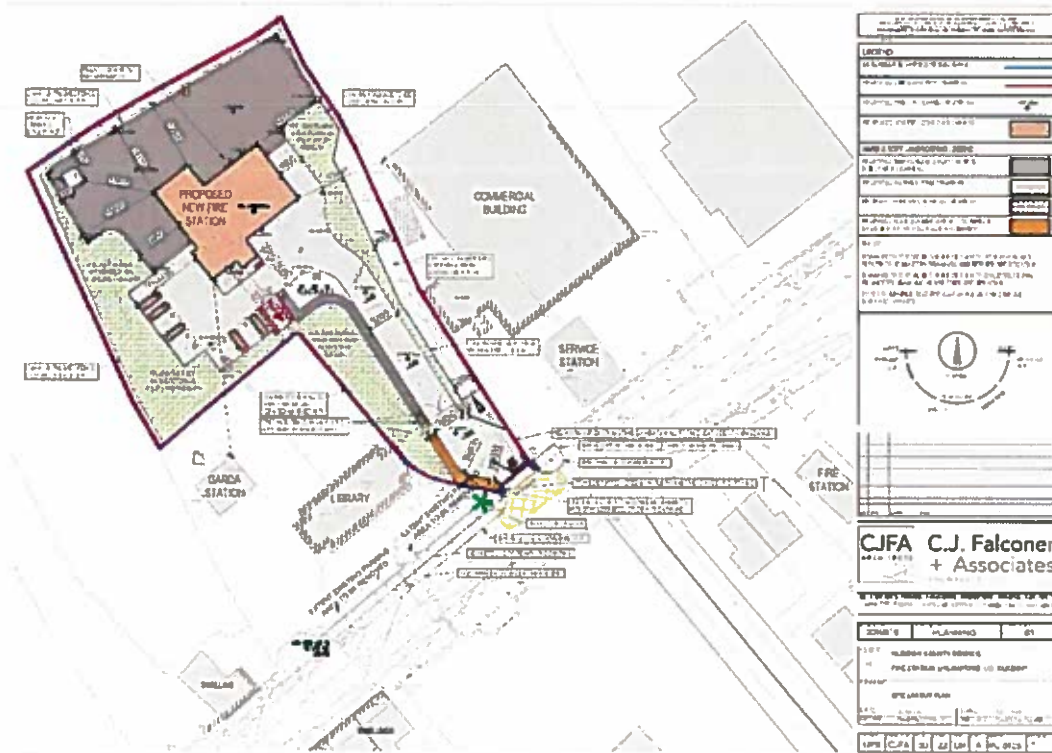
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Development consists of:-

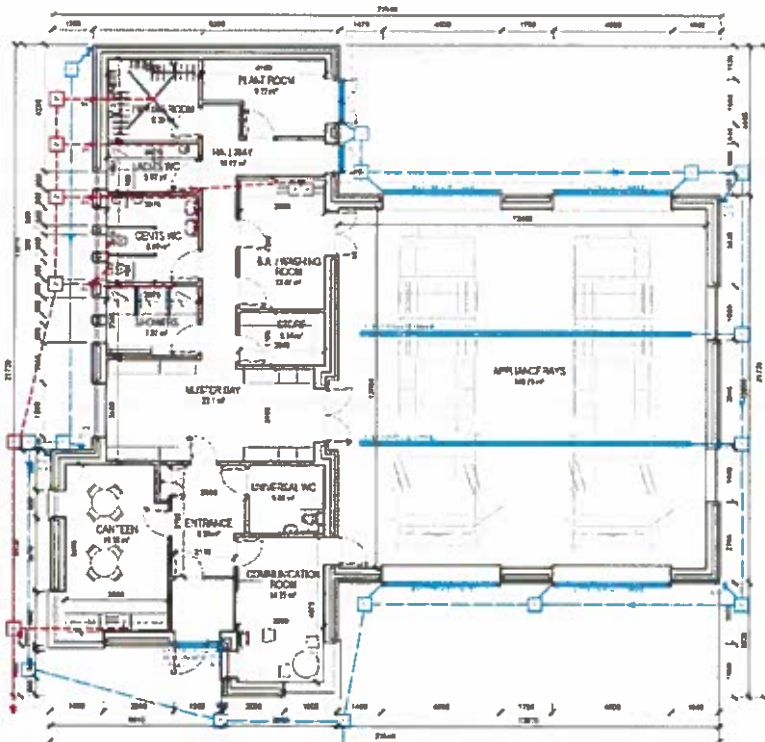
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Existing Site Plan (Satellite)



Proposed Site Layout



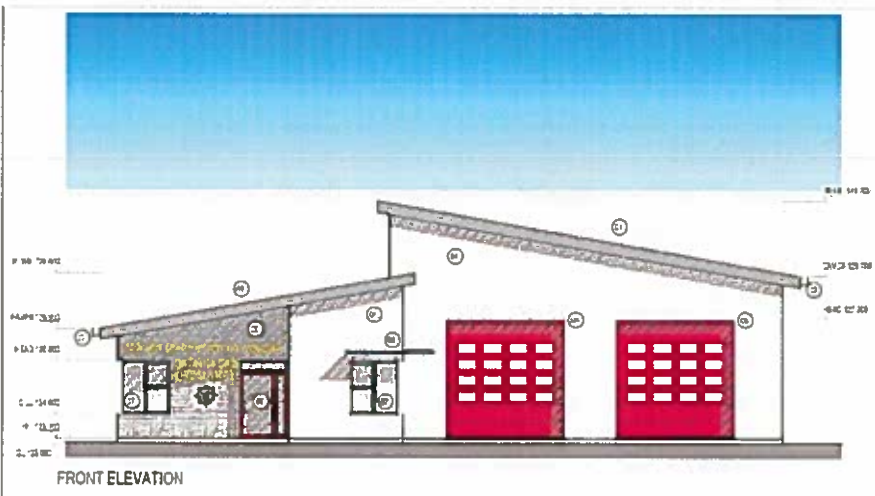
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Proposed Floor Plan & Front Elevation

The proposal was put forward having regard to the number of fire calls in the Urlingford area, the population and fireground area.

Fireground Population:	4,909 (per NDFEM Risk Based Approach Report May 2012)		
Fireground Area:	211 Km ²		
Total number of call-outs/annum:	2009: 139	2014: 66	2019: 78
	2010: 135	2015: 77	2020: 62
	2011: 89	2016: 60	
	2012: 93	2017: 53	
	2013: 95	2018: 84	

(Source - Kilkenny Fire and Rescue Service (Draft) Section 26 Plan 2021-2026.

The project has been granted funding by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.

3. Pre-planning

As part of the planning application process the Fire and Rescue was advised of planning requirements through a formal pre-planning submission prior to lodging the application. Planning reference **P8 01/21**.

4. Notice of Development

A notice describing the proposed development was placed in the Kilkenny People week ending Friday 12th March 2021. A Site Notice was displayed at the site location from Wednesday 14th April 2021. The final date for submissions was Tuesday 28th April 2021 at 17:00hrs.

5. Consultation

- a) Details of proposals were put on display on the consult website: <https://consult.kilkenny.ie> and at the Planning Department in County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

6. Details of Submissions Received

None

7. Implications for Proper Planning and Sustainable Development of the Area

The proposed development is consistent with the provisions of the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014- 2020 and is compatible with the zoning objectives for the area.

Report from the Area Planner and AA Screening Report are appended to this report.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIAR) is not required for this site.

All conditions/comments in the Area Planner's Report will be taken into account by the Fire Service when preparing the detailed tender drawings.

8. Kilkenny County Council's Intention Regarding Proposed Development

Proposed Development: Part 8 Proposal Ref. P8 01/21. to

Provision of a new fire station at Urlingford to include new vehicular access involving partial relocation of the existing boundary wall fronting onto the R639 which forms part of the curtilage to the protected structure C225 construction of a new 307m² two-bay fire station including welfare facilities, concrete drill yard, training tower and associated site development works at Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.

I recommend that Kilkenny County Council proceed with the proposed development in accordance with the plans made available for public inspection and taking into account the proposed revisions to plans as outlined and the recommendations made by the Planning and other Service Departments.

The proposed revisions include:

1. The training tower should be moved forward.
2. Staff parking for the library should be considered.

SIGNED



Mary Mulholland
Director of Services

Appendix A –Planning Report

**Chontae Chill Chainnigh
Kilkenny County Council
Planning Report**



**Planning & Development Acts 2000 -2020
Planning & Development Regulations 2001 - 2021**

Part 8 Ref. No.: Part 8 01/ 21

Development: Provision of a new fire station at Urlingford to include new vehicular access involving partial relocation of the existing boundary wall fronting onto the R639 which forms part of curtilage to the protected structure C255, construction of a new 307m² two bay Fire Station including welfare facilities, concrete drill yard, training tower, and associated site development works at Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.
The site of the proposed fire station and access are located adjacent to the old Court House (Urlingford Library), which is listed in the Record of Protected Structures for Kilkenny, Reference Number C255.

Site Location and Description

The existing 0.39ha greenfield site is located in Urlingford on the northern side of the Main Street regional road R639, opposite St. Mary's Church and to the rear of the Library and Garda Station. The site is adjacent to Kavanagh's service station, dwelling and coach depot.

There is a two-storey dwelling located within c.40m to the west of the site listed on the Record of Protected Structures ref. C979; the Library to the front of the site and St. Mary's Church are also protected structures ref. C255 and C254.

To the rear of the site, behind the Garda Station and the two-storey library the site is screened with existing hedgerows. There is an old stone wall along the front of the site which extends along the west site boundary between the site and the Library and Garda Station premises.

There is a single storey dwelling to the west of the garda station. The existing fire-station is located on the southern side of the Main Street to the north-east on a narrow site border by a commercial fuel depot and a residential estate.

There is a substantial area of archaeological potential to the north-west of the site, and the River Goul is located to the north-west of the site. The site is not located within an identified flood risk area as per the *Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014-2020*.

Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014-2020

The site is located within the designated settlement boundary for Urlingford as per the *Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014-2020*, and the proposed development is acceptable as an acceptable use in principle.

Third Party Submissions No third-party submissions on file.

Site History No recent on-site planning history.

Referrals:

- Environment – no objections, subject to conditions.
- Roads – no objections, subject to conditions.
- Conservation – no objections, subject to conditions.
- Irish Water – no objections, subject to conditions.
- Department of Heritage – report not received to date.

Abridged excerpts from the referral responses received are set out below:

Conservation

Urlingford Library was originally constructed as Urlingford Court House, circa 1840. The current western wall is visible on the map, while the eastern side shows an access to the 19th century RIC Barracks (now demolished).

The submission includes an Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment, and urban finish proposed for the new fire station. In order to provide access to the proposed development site, a section of masonry on the street façade requires to be removed. It is advised that the Section 3.3 of the AHIA be implemented, while all masonry removed will be retained on site, and relocated to the boundary with the neighbouring garage. The report states 'In compliance with the Conservation Officer, it is agreed that the shared quoin stones extending from the splay to the front wall are to be retained and accommodated in any wall finish here, allowing original wall angle and quoin to be retained.' This is acceptable.

The conservation Officer has no objection to the proposal subject to the recommendations as per Section 3.2b and 3.3 of the AHIA being implemented in full and a reassessment of the use of the proposed stainless studs identified in 3.2c should.

Environment

No objections subject to the following conditions in the interests of public health and for the protection of the environment:

1. Waste during the construction phase of development

a) Ensure all operations are managed and programmed to minimise waste production, and that procedures are in place to deal with any litter arising. Wastes sent off site for recovery or disposal including waste from soil, subsoil and rubble, shall only be conveyed by an authorised waste contractor and transported from the proposed development site to an authorised site of recovery/disposal in a manner which will not adversely affect the environment.

b) All tank and drum areas shall be rendered impervious to the materials stored therein. In addition, tank and drum storage areas shall be bunded either locally or

remotely to a volume not less than 110% of the capacity of the largest tank or drum within the bunded area. Drainage from the bunded area shall be diverted for collection and safe disposal.

2. Storm & Wastewater Discharges

- a) Clean stormwater shall be managed within the curtilage of the landholding as per stormwater design provided, in accordance with BRE Digest 365 - Soakaway Design.
- b) Domestic type effluent shall only be discharged to the foul drainage system. There shall be no discharge of any effluent which is chemically or biologically dissimilar to that of normal domestic effluent.

3. Noise, Air & Odour during construction phase:

Activities at the site during the construction phase of the development shall not give rise to noise levels off-site, at noise sensitive locations, which exceed the following sound pressure limits (Leq,T). Day: 55 dB(A) LAeq (30 Minutes) (0800hrs to 2200hrs) Night: 45 dB(A) LAeq (30 Minutes) (2200hrs to 0800hrs). There shall be no audible tonal component or impulsive component in the noise emission from the activity at any noise sensitive location.

4. Monitoring: If deemed necessary further investigation and monitoring may be required to ensure that on-site activities, granted under this permission, are not resulting in significant impairment of, or significant interference with amenities, or the environment, on or beyond the site

Road Design

No objection in principle to the proposed development; recommendations:

Consideration be given to the provision of a loading bay for library vehicles on the access road to the fire station between the road entrance and the fire-station gates. Should this be suitable in terms of location and distance from the library building, it would allow the proposed on-street library loading bay to revert to on-street parking. There is also scope to provide some staff parking here and given the long access road, the position of the fire-station gates could be adjusted further northwards to optimise the space which is not utilised and designated for landscaping/grass. It may be an appropriate use of these lands given both services are Kilkenny County Council services, and subject to a workable layout it will require a risk assessment with the Fire Service in terms of accessibility and potential impact on emergency response time and safe operation of the Fire Service.

A Stage 2 Road Safety Audit of the proposed development shall be carried out, with a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit carried out on completion of the development works.

Proposed lighting shall have energy efficient LED technology and be capable to be adapted for use with a central management system (CMS -with 7pin NEMA sockets) or equivalent. The lantern specification and lighting design shall be agreed with the public lighting section of Kilkenny County Council with the agreed lantern type to be registered on the SEAI Triple E register.

A road opening licence may be required for all works carried out on the public road and footpath.

Irish Water/ Water Services

Irish Water respectfully requests any grant of permission be conditioned as follows:

The applicant shall sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement. All development shall be carried out in compliance with Irish Water Standards Codes and Practices.

Screening for Appropriate Assessment

A Screening exercise was completed, which showed that no significant environmental impact is likely on any Natura 2000 site.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

A preliminary examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development has been carried out which determines that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. It is therefore concluded that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not required.

Assessment

Proposed Development

Proposed provision of a new fire station to include new vehicular access involving removal of the stone boundary wall fronting onto the R639 which forms part of curtilage of protected structure C255.

The building has a proposed area of c. 307sq.m, with a max. height of 8.205m and is comprised of two adjoining blocks, with one area accommodating the appliance/ vehicle bays, and with the welfare facilities located in the second part of the building. Ground floor accommodation proposed only. Windows and/ or openings are proposed on all elevations.

The proposed training tower is located at the rear western corner of the site with a proposed height of 13.84m; there is an existing dwelling located c. 40m to the west of the location of the proposed tower. There is potential impact on the protected structure to the west and it is considered that this should be relocated forward and to the west of the proposed fire station.

The external site layout includes a concrete drill yard, access road and wildflower pollinator friendly meadows. The entrance gates are set back from the public road, and have a proposed height of 2.4m.

Access

A new access is proposed onto the R639 Regional Road within the 50kph speed limit in Urlingford. The development access also caters for the provision of a gated access lane to rear of the adjoining property.

The proposed access has been designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) and includes for the installation of concrete buildouts at the entrance to achieve sightlines and the required visibility splay.

A number of on-street parking spaces will be removed to facilitate the new entrance and visibility splay. In addition, a dedicated on-street loading bay is to be provided for the library, which will have demountable bollards to restrict unauthorised parking at this location.

The Roads Design Office recommends staff parking provision alongside the south-western side of the proposed access road, to off-set the loss of parking spaces to the front of the library. This amendment may necessitate setting back of the gates. It is considered that the amendment could be accommodated on site without significant impacts to third-parties or significant impacts outside of the site boundaries. Any alterations to the layout proposed to accommodate the additional parking should be agreed with the Planning Section, prior to the commencement of development.

Services

Water - proposed connection to mains water supply.

Wastewater - proposed connection to public sewer.

The pre-connection enquiry response from Irish Water dated May 2020, has been submitted as part of this application which states that 'subject to a valid connection agreement being put in place, your proposed connection to the Irish Water network(s) can be facilitated.

Surface water - proposals submitted for disposal of surface water designed in accordance with sustainable urban drainage system principles.

Conservation

The proposed development will breach the stone wall along the front of the site. The development proposes that the 'shared quoin stones extending from the splay to the front wall are to be retained and accommodated in any wall finish here, allowing original wall angle and quoin to be retained', and also for the stone wall along the west site boundary to the rear of the library to be re-pointed.

I note that the location of the proposed tower to the rear of the site takes account of the setting of the protected structure of the library building to the front of the site as per the Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment submitted.

Planning - Layout and Construction Recommendations

1. Relocate the 13.m high training tower from the rear western corner of the site to the west of the proposed fire station with the location to be agreed prior to commencement of development.

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2. An alternative to the proposed stainless steel post shall be agreed prior to commencement of development. (Section 3.2c of the AHIA)
 3. Ensure that a root protection area is established for the tree to the front of the library during the construction and operational phases of development.
 4. Any amendments to the layout submitted to accommodate parking alongside the proposed access road shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Section prior to the commencement of development. A risk assessment will also be required with the Fire Service in terms of accessibility and potential impact on emergency response time and safe operation of the Fire Service.

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Conclusion and Recommendation

The Planning Authority considers that the design, siting and layout of the proposed new fire station and associated works are acceptable at this location and accords with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The development has been screened for appropriate assessment, which found that no significant environmental impact is likely on any Natura 2000 site.

It is recommended that the Part 8 application for the proposed development of the new fire station at Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny, be approved by the Council subject to the drawings and details submitted with this Part 8 proposal, and subject to the recommendations set out in this 'Planning report



30th April 2021

C. Kelly, Executive Planner

I agree with the above report.



30th April 2021

D. Malone, Senior Planner

Appendix B – AA Screening Report

Habitats Directive Project Screening Assessment

Table 1: Project Details

Development Consent Type	Part 8
Development Location	Main Street, Uringford, Co. Kilkenny
Planning File Ref	P8 01/21
Description of the project	Fire Station

Table 2: Identification of Natura 2000 sites (SACs and SPAs) which may be impacted by the proposed development

Please answer the following five questions in order to determine whether there are any Natura 2000 sites which could potentially be impacted by the proposed development. If the answer to all of these questions is no, significant impacts can be ruled out for habitats and bird species. No further assessment is required. Please refer to tables 3 and 4 where the answer to any of these questions is yes.

		Y/N
1	ONE- OFF HOUSE /SMALL EXTENSION/ ALTERATION TO EXISTING BUILDING	
1a	<p>Is the development a one- off house/small extension/alteration to existing building within an SAC/SPA or within 100m of an SAC/SPA and likely to discharge pollutants or nutrients of a significant nature and amount to surface water within catchments of and SAC/ SPA as part of its construction or operational phase (including the installation of waste water treatment systems; percolation areas; septic tanks within SAC/SPA or very close proximity)?</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is: - no, then no appropriate assessment required - yes, then an appropriate assessment is required - not sure, then an appropriate assessment is required in accordance with the precautionary principle</p>	N/a
2	DEVELOPMENTS OTHER THAN THOSE DESCRIBED IN 1 ABOVE	
2a	<p>Impacts On Freshwater Habitats Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats, or in the catchment of same and does the development propose to discharge water to or abstract water from the habitat?</p> <p>Sites to consider: Lower River Suir, River Barrow, River Nore. (these sites also include many tributaries – check on NPWS website)</p> <p>Habitats to consider: Alluvial Wet Woodland, (Lower River Suir and Nore), Dry Heath (some steep slopes along River Barrow and its tributaries) Rivers, Streams, Lakes and Lagoons, Old Oak Woodland, floating river vegetation,</p> <p>Species to consider: River Lamprey, Brook Lamprey, Freshwater Pearls Mussel, Nore Freshwater Pearl Mussel, Crayfish, Twalle Shad, Atlantic Salmon, Otter, Vertigo Moulinsiana,</p>	N
2c	<p>Impacts on Intertidal and Marine Habitats Is the development located within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include intertidal and marine habitats and species, or within the catchment of same and likely to discharge water to or abstract water from the habitats.</p> <p>Sites to consider: Lower River Suir</p> <p>Habitats to consider: Atlantic Salt meadows, Mudflats, sandflats, saltmarsh, estuary</p> <p>Species to consider: Sea Lamprey, River Lamprey, Brook Lamprey, Freshwater Pearl Mussel, Crayfish, Twalle Shad, Atlantic Salmon, Otter.</p>	N

		Y/N
2d	<p>Impacts On Woodlands And Grasslands <i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying habitats include terrestrial habitats, or in close proximity to same with a likely ecological impact?</i></p> <p>Sites to consider: Spa hill and Clomantagh Hill, Cullahill Mountain, River Barrow, River Nore, Lower River Suir</p> <p>Habitats to consider: <i>Alluvial Wet Woodlands</i> (River Nore below Inistioge and River Suir at Fiddown Island and Carrick on Suir), Eutropic tall herb vegetation (River Suir at Fiddown Island and Carrick on Suir), and grasslands (Spa hill and Clomantagh Hill, Cullahill Mountain)</p> <p>Oak Woodlands in old estates next to the Nore and Barrow</p> <p>Species to consider: Greenwinged, Frog and Bee Orchids (Cullahill and Clomantagh Hill), Nettle Leaved Bellflower and Autumn Crocus</p>	N
2e	<p>Impacts On Birds <i>Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or likely to discharge water to same or likely to have another significant impact on the habitats of Birds in same?</i></p> <p>Sites to consider: River Nore</p> <p>Species to consider: River Nore: Kingfisher (Alcedo Althis) – Nesting in river banks</p>	N

Table 3: Determination of possible impacts on Natura 2000 sites.

Where it has been identified in table 2 that there is a Natura 2000 site within the potential impact zone of the proposed development, it is necessary to try to determine the nature of the possible impacts. Please answer the following questions as appropriate.

1.	<p>Impacts on designated freshwater habitats (rivers, lakes streams and lagoons).</p> <p><i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 2a in table 2 was yes</i></p> <p><i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i></p>	
1.1	Impacts on watercourses (tributaries, streams, drains) which are remote from the SAC/SPA but may still impact on the SAC/SPA by reason of the nature or quantity of the discharge	
1.2	Abstraction from surfacewater or groundwater within 1km of SAC/SPA.	
1.3	Removal of topsoil within 100 m of watercourses with potential for surface water runoff.	
1.4	Infilling or raising of ground levels within 100m of watercourses with potential for surface water runoff.	
1.5	Construction of drainage ditches within 1km of SAC/SPA.	
1.6	Construction within a floodplain or within an area liable to flood.	
1.7	Crossing or culverting of rivers or streams within 1km of SAC/SPA.	
1.8	Storage of chemicals hydrocarbons or organic wastes within 100 m of a watercourse.	
1.9	Development of a large scale which involves the production of an EIS	
1.10	<p>Development of quarries, particularly where abstraction is below water table</p> <p>Provision of process water silt management systems</p>	

1.11	Development of windfarms within 1km of an SAC or with the risk of runoff to an SAC/SPA, particularly during construction.	
1.12	Development of pumped hydro electric stations.	
2	Impacts on designated wetland habitats (bog, heath, marsh, fen). <i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 2b in table 2 was yes.</i> <i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
2.1	Impacts on watercourses (tributaries, streams, drains) which are remote from the SAC/SPA but may still impact on the SAC/SPA by reason of the nature or quantity of the discharge.	
2.2	Construction of roads or other infrastructure on peat habitats within 1km of a Natura 2000 site of which qualifying interests include peat, fen or marsh. (Only Peat habitat at Bruckana – consider Galmoy fen – impact unlikely)	
2.3	Development of a large scale within 1km within a Natura 2000 site, whose qualifying features include fen or marsh, which involves the production of an EIS.	
3	Impacts on designated intertidal and marine habitats (mudflats, sandflats, estuaries, reefs and sea cliffs). <i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 2c in table 2 was yes.</i> <i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
3.1	Impacts on intertidal and marine habitats from potential development which are remote from the SAC/SPA but may still impact on the SAC/SPA by reason of the nature or quantity of the discharge	
3.2	Development of piers, slipways, marinas, pontoons or any other infrastructure within 5km of a Natura 2000 site whose qualifying features include intertidal or marine habitats.	
3.3	Dredging within 5km of a Natura 2000 site whose qualifying features include intertidal or marine habitats.	
3.4	Impacts on watercourses (tributaries, streams, drains) which are remote from the SAC/SPA but may still impact on the SAC/SPA by reason of the nature or quantity of the discharge.	
3.5	Removal of topsoil or infilling within 100m of Natura 2000 sites whose qualifying features include intertidal or marine habitats where potential for surface water runoff exists.	
3.6	Development of a large scale within 1km of Natura 2000 sites whose qualifying features include intertidal or marine habitats, which involves the production of an EIS.	
4	Impacts on other designated woodlands and grasslands (woodland, upland grassland, lowland grassland, coastal grassland including dunes) <i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 2d in table 2 was yes.</i> <i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
4.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include woodland or grassland habitat types.	
4.2	Development within 200m of Natura 2000 site with woodland or grassland habitats.	
4.3	Development of a large scale within 1km of Natura 2000 site with woodland, grassland or coastal habitats which involves the production of an EIS.	
5	Impacts on birds in SPAs <i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 2e in table 2 was yes.</i>	

5 2	Erection of wind turbines within 1km of an SPA.	
5 3	All construction works within 100m of SPA (River Nore) including the development of cycle ways or walking routes	
5 4	Infilling of coastal habitats within 500m of intertidal SPA.	
5 5	Works within 1km of coastal SPA which will result in discharges to rivers or streams that are directly connected to designated sites.	
5 6		

Conclusion: If the answer to question 1 and 2a-e are no or n/a, significant impacts on habitats within Natura 2000 sites and on SPAs can be ruled out. No further assessment is required in relation to habitats or birds. If the answer to any question in table 2 is yes, you may require further information, unless you are satisfied that the project proponents have incorporated adequate mitigation into their design to avoid impacts on the Natura 2000 site (eg water pollution protection measures). Such information should be provided in the form of a Natura Impact Statement which should address the particular issues of concern as identified through the above.

Table 4: Consideration of potential impacts on protected species

Many of our Special Areas of Conservation are designated for species as well as for habitats. These are listed below, alongside the sites for which they are designated. Included is a short list of the types of activities which could have an impact on these species. Please tick if you are concerned that the proposed development could have an impact on these species.

Species	Relevant Sites	Activities which could have impacts on species	Possible impacts identified? Y/N
Otter	River Nore River Barrow Lower River Suir Note: Otters are a strictly protected species. All breeding sites and resting places are protected regardless of whether or not they are within or external to Special Areas of Conservation.	Activities that interfere with river banks.	
Atlantic Salmon	River Barrow River Nore Lower River Suir	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed;	
River Lamprey	River Barrow River Nore Lower River Suir	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed;	
Brook Lamprey	River Barrow River Nore Lower River Suir	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed;	
Sea Lamprey	River Barrow River Nore Lower River Suir	Activities that interfere with water quality or the river bed – estuarine areas;	
Twalke Shad	Lower River Suir	Activities that interfere with water quality or the river bed – estuarine areas;	
Crayfish	Lower River Suir	Activities that interfere with water quality or the river bed;	

Species	Relevant Sites	Activities which could have impacts on species	Possible impacts identified? Y/N
Freshwater Pearl Mussel	River Barrow River Nore Lower River Suir	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed ;	
Nore Freshwater Pearl Mussel	River Nore	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed ;	

Conclusion: If the answer to all of the above is no, significant impacts on species can be ruled out. If the answer to any of the above is yes, then further information is likely to be required in relation to potential for impact on that particular species. Where potential impacts are identified on Otters or on Bats outside designated sites, then further information should be sought in the form of a species specific survey. In these cases, appropriate assessment is not required.

Habitats Directive Screening Conclusion Statement

Development Type	Part 8
Development Location	Main Street, Co Kilkenny
Natura 2000 sites within impact zone	None
Planning File Ref	P8 01/21
Description of the project	
Fire Station	
Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) could affect Natura 2000 site(s).	
Not anticipated to	
If there are potential impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant.	
None anticipated	
<p>Conclusion of assessment Having regard to the precautionary principle, it is considered that:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant impacts can be ruled out or AA not required (if project is directly connected or necessary to Management of Natura 2000 site (determined in consultation with NPWS)).</p> <p>or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Significant impacts are certain, likely or uncertain (cannot be ruled out), Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is required. Project must be subject to appropriate assessment.</p>	
Documentation reviewed for making of this statement.	
Documentation submitted and AA Guidelines	
Completed By	<i>C. Kelly</i>
Date	23 rd February 2021

Appendix C - Excerpt from Kilkenny People - Notice



KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

NEWS & NOTICES

Are you registered to vote?

Check the Electoral Register for your ward on the website www.electoralregister.gov.ie or contact your local Electoral Office. You cannot vote if you are not registered!



Comhairle Chontae Chill Chialmáigh
Kilkenny County Council
Municipal District of Castlecomer
Section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROADS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Decision of Kilkenny County Council to close to public traffic the following road in the Castlecomer Municipal District to facilitate the construction of a new waste water pipe by David Walsh Civil Engineering Ltd on behalf of Irish Water.

Local residents will be notified in advance of road closures, local diversions will be in place and local access will be provided.

Advance Notification signs will be erected on site.

Location of Roadworks	Road Number	Alternative route	Period
Barrack Street, Castlecomer	L5853	Traffic will be diverted via the R694 onto the L5853 and also the L1821 onto the L1820 & N78	Monday 12th April 2021 to Friday 21st May 2021

Tim Butler,
Director of Services.



Kilkenny County Council
Section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROADS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Intention of Kilkenny County Council to close to traffic the following public road in the Piltown Municipal District on dates indicated below to facilitate works being carried out by David Walsh Civil Engineering Limited on behalf of Irish Water.

Roads to be Closed	Alternative Routes	Proposed Duration of Closure
L3401 at Lower Kilmacow	Traffic will be diverted via the L3401 Kilmacow, L3403 Dangan and R448 to L3401 Granny. Diversions will be clearly signposted	Monday 12th April, 2021 To Friday 30th April, 2021

Any person objecting to the proposed temporary closure of this road may lodge their objection in writing to the undersigned not later than 5.00pm on Thursday, 18th March, 2021.

Tim Butler,

Director of Services,

Corporate & Infrastructure.

Notice of Publication of Draft Litter Management Plan 2021-2023

Notice is hereby given under Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, that Kilkenny County Council has published a Draft Litter Management Plan 2021-2023.

A copy of the draft plan is available for public inspection for a period of four weeks from the 8th of March 2021 until the 5th of April 2021. A copy of the plan can be requested by phoning the Environment Section on 056-7794470 or email environment@kilkennycc.ie. Alternatively, the Plan is available to view online <http://consult.kilkenny.ie>.

Observations or submissions regarding the Draft Litter Management Plan are invited

from members of the public and other interested parties. You can submit an observation or submission via the following options:

- Online by registering on <http://consult.kilkenny.ie> where you can then make a submission on the draft plan
- In writing marked "Draft Litter Management Plan" to the Environment Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny R95 A357.

Observations or submissions must include the full name and address of the person(s) making the submission and

where relevant, the body or organisation represented. Only written submissions or observations submitted within the stated period will be taken into consideration before the making of the final plan. All submissions and observations must be received before 5pm on 5th of April 2021.

Please note that all submissions will be made available for public viewing on the Council's consultation website during the plan-making period. Kilkenny County Council will treat all personal data you may give as confidential. We will retain your data for no longer than is necessary in accordance with Kilkenny County Council's Retention Policy and the relevant Data Protection legislation.

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

NOTICE IN RELATION TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY

Proposed Construction of Two Bay Fire Station, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.

In accordance with the provisions of Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, and Part VIII, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Kilkenny County Council hereby gives notice of proposals pertaining to the following development:

Provision of a new fire station at Urlingford to include new vehicular access involving partial relocation of the existing boundary wall fronting onto the R613 which forms part of curtilage to the protected structure C255, construction of a new 307sqm Two Bay Fire Station including welfare facilities, concrete drill yard, training tower, and associated site development works at Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.

The site of the proposed fire station and access are located adjacent to the old Court House (Urlingford Library), which is listed in the Record of Protected Structures for Kilkenny, Reference Number C255.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 12(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) the Planning authority has made a preliminary examination of the nature, size, and location of the proposed development. The authority

has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

As per Article 12(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), where any person considers that the development proposed to be carried out would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of the publication of this updated notice apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours from Friday 12th March 2021 until Wednesday 14th April 2021, at the following Kilkenny County Council offices by appointment only:

- Planning Dept., Kilkenny County Council,

County Hall, John St., Kilkenny City from 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday (excluding Weekends, Public Holidays and Bank Holidays). To make an appointment please contact: 056 7794100 or email planning@kilkennycc.ie

- Details of the proposed development can be viewed at <http://consult.kilkenny.ie/>

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be carried out, may be made online at <http://consult.kilkenny.ie/>, in writing to the Planning Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny or sent to the following e-mail address: development@kilkennycc.ie

The latest time and date for receipt of submissions on the development is 5.00pm on Tuesday 28th April 2021. Submissions should be clearly marked "Fire Station, Urlingford, Part B"

Mary Mulholland,
Director of Services.

Sheep Worrying-Lambing Season

There have been a number of recent sheep killing incidents in counties including Kilkenny involving dogs. Sheep attacks are a big issue for sheep farmers at anytime of year but it is largely problematic when it happens during the lambing season.

Approximately 2.5 million lambs will be born on 30,000 sheep farms in the state over the coming weeks. The industry is worth €250 million approximately to Ireland.

Sheep worrying occurs when dogs chase sheep, on occasion injuring or killing them. The damage caused from a sheep attack can be visible, often the sheep are still alive, but have very bad injuries and they need to have animals put to sleep.

Other damage caused is less visible. If the sheep are in lamb they often abort their lambs after a period of time. After a dog attack, the sheep can become terrified of dogs, which makes life very difficult for the sheep farmer.



as sheep dogs are used routinely to herd sheep.

Kilkenny County Council wishes to remind people of the dangers of allowing dogs to access rural areas without supervision. Dog owners should not be shocked that the family pet would chase, attack or worry sheep. If your dog is out of your sight and control, for even a short period at any time of the day, it could become involved in a sheep attack. Any breed of dog, if given the opportunity, can be involved in a sheep attack.

Any dog including family pets can become involved in a sheep kill if given the opportunity. Dogs must be kept under control at all times, preferably on a lead. The dog owner is liable for any damages arising, in certain circumstances it is legal for farmers to shoot dogs, on sight, if they are trespassing on their lands. Please take care of your dog and the livestock of others, and help ensure that no sheep worrying incidents occur in our county this year.