

Environmental Impact Assessment

A screening assessment completed by Flynn Furney Environmental Consultants concluded that an EIAR was not required to be completed.

Schedule 5 (Part 1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2023 (as amended) sets mandatory thresholds for Annex I projects. The proposed development does not meet or exceed the mandatory threshold for projects set out in the Schedule therefore a mandatory EIA is not required.

Schedule 5 (Part 2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2023 (as amended) sets out national thresholds none of which the proposed development appears to fall under. Class 15 in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended states that:

"Any project listed in this Part which does not exceed a quantity, area or other limit specified in this Part in respect of the relevant class of development but which would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, having regard to the criteria set out in Schedule 7.'

The accompanying EIAR report therefore assessed the development as a sub-threshold development as it did not appropriately fall under any of the other relevant classes. Following assessment under the criteria set out in Schedule 7, the report concluded that there would be no specific requirement for a full EIA of the proposed development.

The Planning Authority has reviewed the screening report and is in agreement that the proposed works are a sub-threshold development and that there should be no specific requirement for a full Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed development but note that this excludes bats, which are considered separately in the bat report.

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