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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination

Project Title:	**Dundrum Living Streets Main Street and Sandyford Road**

Description of the Proposed Development:

The proposed development comprises Phase 1 of the Dundrum Living Streets project, involving public realm and streetscape improvements along Main Street and Sandyford Road, Dundrum, Co. Dublin. The works include improvements to pedestrian facilities and accessibility, upgraded paving and public realm treatments, landscaping, street tree planting, rain gardens, street furniture and improvements to the public space around Holy Cross Church. Existing traffic and cycling arrangements will generally be retained, with localised adjustments to parking, loading and pedestrian crossing facilities.

Legislative Context:

This determination has considered relevant legislative context as set out in the EIA Screening Report and including, but not limited to:

- Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (known as the EIA Directive) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment.
- Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.
- European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018) (S.I. 296/2018).
- Roads Act 1993, as amended.
- Road Traffic Act, 1994.
- Roads Regulations, 1994 (S.I. 119/1994).
- European Union (Roads Act 1993) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 (S.I. 279/2019).

EIA Screening Report:

The Active Travel Section, Infrastructure and Climate Change Department of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) commissioned MacCabe Durney Barnes Limited to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report (EIASR) to determine whether the proposed development (Dundrum Living Streets Main Street and Sandyford Road) may have potential to give rise to significant environmental effects and whether an EIA Report is required for the Proposed Development.

The EIASR has been considered and evaluated by Marguerite Cahill , A/Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Department and is satisfied that the EIASR gives full consideration to the relevant legislative context; sets out the requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA; and agrees with the contents and conclusion set out in the EIASR.

The proposed development does not fall within any of the classes of projects identified in Annex I of the EIA Directive and listed in Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the 2001 Regulations which require a mandatory EIA. Furthermore, the proposed development does not meet or exceed the thresholds set out in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the 2001 Regulations for any classes of projects identified in Annex II of the Directive (as transposed in Part 2 of the Regulations). Therefore, the proposed development does not trigger the need for a mandatory EIA under the 2001 Regulations.

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The proposed development does not fall within the mandatory threshold for EIA outlined in Section 50(1) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended), or Article 8 of the Roads Regulations 1994 and European Union (Roads Act 1993) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 (S.I. 279/2019).

The Report states:
On the basis of NTA guidelines, the project could constitute 'works' and 'urban development' under Schedule 5, Part 2 of the Planning Regulations, 2001-2021 and the Draft Planning and Development (Part 6) (Screening Classes, Thresholds, Criteria and Examination) Regulations 2026. However, none of the applicable thresholds in either the Planning Regulations or Roads Act above are exceeded. Accordingly, the project is a sub-threshold development and under Step 1(b) of the OPR guidance a preliminary examination is required under Step 2.

The Preliminary examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed Dundrum Living Streets scheme, recommended that Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council conclude that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment and therefore no significant doubts regarding the need for EIA. However, as the proposal is being advanced as a Local Authority 'Part 8'development, a Stage 3 Screening will be undertaken to confirm this conclusion.

The EIASR concludes that the proposed development by itself or in combination with other projects is not likely to have significant effects on the environment and therefore an EIA is not required to be prepared.

The reasons for this conclusion as set out in the EIASR are *inter alia* as follows:

- Construction stage impacts have been assessed as temporary and slight/moderate in nature and therefore not likely to have significant environmental impacts. The quality of operational impacts on visual and landscape characteristics is considered positive and on the environment as neutral to positive.

- Appropriate mitigating and enhancement measures as laid out in the EcIA will be employed to counteract identified potential impacts on habitats and associated species. It is further noted in the EcIA that the *'...Proposed Development is not anticipated to result in significant adverse effects on protected species or habitats of ecological importance.'*

- With regards to its natural environment the AA Screening Report recorded no significant hydrological connections, notable habitats or the likely spread of invasive species. It concluded that the proposed development individually/in combination with other plans and projects (either directly or indirectly) are not likely to have any significant effects on nearby designated sites.

- Having regard to the proposed development which is considered not of a nature specified in either Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 or considered as a development type subject to mandatory EIAR under the Roads Acts,17 the criteria in Schedule 7, the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2000, as amended, and the following:
  - The scale, nature and location of the proposed impacts
  - The potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures
  - The results of the any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment.

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Determination:

Having regard to the foregoing, the **Dundrum Living Streets Main Street and Sandyford Road** does not trigger a mandatory EIA under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended or the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. Further, the Council (as Competent Authority) determine, for the reasons set out above and in the EIA Screening Report, that the proposed development, is not likely to have significant effects on the environment due to the nature, scale or location of the proposed development relevant to areas of environmental sensitivity and the types and characteristics of potential impacts, cumulation of effects with those arising from other existing and/or proposed projects and measures to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment.

Requirements for Mitigation:

To avoid or to prevent what might otherwise potentially have been significant adverse impacts on the environment, during construction and/or operation, the following mitigation measures are proposed:

- Adhere to the mitigation measures set out in the EcIA.

The Council determines that no significant impacts on the environment will arise from the construction or operation of the proposed **Dundrum Living Streets Main Street and Sandyford Road** scheme and that an EIA is therefore not required and an EIAR is not required to be prepared.

Therefore, it has been concluded, for the reasons set out above and in the EIA Screening Report, that the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and accordingly that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. An EIAR is therefore not required.

No real likelihood of significant effects on the environment	✓	EIA is not required
Real likelihood of significant effects on the environment		EIA is required

Signature: _____ Senior Planner, Planning Department
Name *Position / Department*

Signatory (Approved Officer): Paul Kennedy DoS

_____ Director of Services, Planning & Economic Department
Name *Position / Department*

Delegation No. 2617 10/03/25

Date: 20/11/26

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The proposed **Dundrum Living Streets Main Street and Sandyford Road** is being promoted by the Active Travel Section, Infrastructure and Climate Change Department. This Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination in respect of the proposed Dundrum Living Streets Main Street and Sandyford Road has been made by Paul Kennedy, Director of Services of the Planning and Economic Department to apply appropriate functional separation in the carrying out of a Screening Determination for Environmental Impact Assessment which is an appropriate functional separation in accordance with Article 9a of the EIA Directive.