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APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE DECISION

Project Name	Safe Routes to School – Dominican College Sion Hill	
Project Description	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, in conjunction with An Taisce and the National Transport Authority (NTA), is proposing to improve road safety adjacent to Dominican College Sion Hill, Cross Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin as part of the NTA Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme. The purpose of the scheme is to make the areas immediately adjacent to the school including school entrances and access routes safer so that students can be encouraged and facilitated to walk and cycle to school, safely. Dominican College Sion Hill Secondary School is accessed from Cross Avenue. The overall area of the proposed development is ca. 0.5 ha. The proposed scheme consists of the following works: • Provision of enhanced pedestrian and cycle infrastructure along the school front. • Front-of-school improvements, including revised surface treatments, widened footpaths, traffic calming measures, and upgraded crossing facilities with a zebra crossing. • Introduction of school zone features to improve driver awareness and reduce vehicle speeds in the vicinity of the school. • Provision of junction tightening and continuous footpath treatments at side roads near the school, where feasible. • Incorporation of ancillary landscaping and placemaking elements to improve the quality of the streetscape and the school approach. • Re-location of the bus set down area from the front of the school further to the east. The design features will be consistent with those proposed nationally under the NTA SRTS Programme	
	APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE	**Yes/No**
Does the proposed scheme fall within the ambit of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994?	Do proposed works comprise Traffic Calming Measures as defined in S.38(9) Road Traffic Act, 1994?	Y
	Is the scheme undertaken within (and does not extend beyond) the boundaries of a public road as defined by the Roads Act, 1993?	Y
DECISION 1	**SECTION 38 IS THE APPROPRIATE EMPOWERMENT PROVISION**	**Y**
AA Screening Determination	Has Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination identified that Appropriate Assessment is NOT REQUIRED?	Y
EIA Screening Determination	Has Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening determination identified that Environmental Impact Assessment is NOT REQUIRED?	Y
DECISION 2	**APPLICATION TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANALA IS NOT REQUIRED**	**Y**
Exemptions from Part 8 Procedure as per Section 179(6) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended	Is the primary purpose of the proposals to enhance public bus services or improve facilities for cyclists as identified in S.179(6)(bb) of the Planning and Development Act of 2000, as amended, and thus exempt?	Y
	Does the proposal consist of works of maintenance or repair, other than works which would materially affect the character of a protected structure or proposed protected structure pursuant to S.179(6)(a) of the Planning and Development Act of 2000, as amended, and thus exempt?	N

	Is the development necessary for dealing urgently with any situation which the manager considers an emergency situation calling for immediate action pursuant to S.179(6)(b) of the Planning and Development Act of 2000, as amended, and thus exempt?	N
	Does the development consist of works which a local authority is required by or under statute or by order of a court to undertake pursuant to in S.179(6)(c) of the Planning and Development Act of 2000, as amended, and thus exempt?	N
Exemptions from Part 8 Procedures below the thresholds/requirements set out in Article 80(1) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended	Is the estimated cost of the proposal below €126,000 and thus exempt under Article 80(1)(k) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?	N
	Is the proposal below the following threshold set out in Article 80 (1)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?: 80.(1)(b) the construction of a new road or the widening or realignment of an existing road, where the length of the new road or of the widened or realigned portion of the existing road, as the case may be, would be— i) in the case of a road in an urban area, 100 metres or more, or (ii) in the case of a road in any other area, 1 kilometre or more	Y
	There is no bridge or tunnel proposed as set out in in Article 80 (1)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?	Y
DECISION 3	**THE PROPOSALS ARE EXEMPT FROM PART 8 PROCEDURE**	**Y**
APROPRIATE PROCEDURE DECISION	**THE OUTCOME OF THE ABOVE DECISION IS AS FOLLOWS:**	
	The proposal will progress under the provisions of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 and CE Order (Traffic Works Order) will be sought.	
Signature of Decision Maker **Position / Department** **Date**	 Senior Executive Planner, Active Travel Section, Infrastructure & Climate Change Department. 05/11/2026	