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**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination
under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)
for
Living Streets – Dún Laoghaire
at
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to enhance the attractiveness, liveability, connectivity, and economic vibrancy of Dún Laoghaire Town via the Living Streets: Dún Laoghaire project.

The site of proposed works is located in Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin (Grid Reference O 24324 28493). Living Streets Dún Laoghaire is a mobility and public realm improvement project which aims to enhance the attractiveness, liveability, connectivity, and economic vibrancy of Dún Laoghaire Town. Following on from the temporary measures implemented during the summer of 2021, the proposed scheme will permanently upgrade the urban realm in Dún Laoghaire.

The principal objectives of the scheme are:

- To make walking, cycling, and public transport more convenient, enjoyable, and safer for all.
- To improve connections between bus, rail, and active travel facilities to make it easier for people to get around.
- Improve the environment by reducing traffic and related noise and air pollution and increasing planting in public spaces.
- To promote equitable travel options and urban design that creates a safe and welcoming experience for all members of society, regardless of age, gender, ability, or income.
- To enhance the economic vibrancy of Dún Laoghaire as a mixed-use town and its attractiveness as a destination by facilitating the sustainable and efficient movement of people and goods, and by creating an environment that people want to linger in.
- To promote health and well-being in the community by enabling safer active travel and enhancing the public realm for outdoor play, recreation, and social interaction

The scheme will involve an upgrade of 1.2 km of George's Street from the junction of De Vesci Terrace on Cumberland Street to the junction by the People's Park including the pedestrianisation of part of George's Street Lower from the junction with Patrick Street to St. Michael's Hospital and a section of Sussex Street and Convent Road. The works also include Marine Road, Library Road, and Clarence Street. Works have also been proposed at Cross Avenue, Tivoli Road, and Clarinda Park in the form of modal filters. As part of this scheme a major upgrade is proposed to Clarinda Park to return it to its historical boundaries. This scheme also involves some additional road safety measures at Glenageary Road Lower and York Road. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) will be used wherever possible to improve treatment and attenuation of surface water, prior to entering the existing drainage network.

Having regard to the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

County Council determines that the scheme individually and in combination with other plans and projects, does not need to be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and no Environmental Impact Assessment Report is required for it.

It is considered that the EIA Screening Report prepared by Barry Transportation (BT) gives full consideration to the Directive and in particular to the requirements set out in the Directive for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA.

It has been found that the proposed development does not correspond to any project type in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). The proposed scheme has nonetheless been assessed in accordance with the criteria given in Annex III of the Directive to determine whether or not it would be likely to have any significant effects on the environment.

It is considered that the EIA Screening Report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment having regard to the foregoing and in particular to:

- The characteristics of the proposed development
- The location of the proposed development
- The types and characteristics of potential impacts
- Cumulation of effects with those arising from other existing and/or proposed projects
- Measures to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment
- The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultancy) carried out pursuant to the requirements of the Habitats Directive


It is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact report is not therefore required.

Signature



Senior Engineer

Signatory (Approved Officer)



Date

24/10/23