

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination  
under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)  
for  
Rochestown Avenue – Active Travel Scheme at  
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to enhance the safety and attractiveness of Rochestown Avenue by providing necessary Active Travel infrastructure in an area where existing gaps of safe, continuous and consistent walking and cycling infrastructure are present. The proposed scheme will upgrade the pedestrian and cycle infrastructure along 2.2 km of road from Bakers Corner to the Graduate Roundabout; the urban realm will also be improved with new hard and soft landscaping, wildflower planting, SuDS measures and some street furniture and incidental play area close to the National Rehabilitation Hospital. The scheme will include works to the following roads:

The project consists of:

- Implement a 3.0m wide two-way cycle track running on northern side of Rochestown Avenue, with footpath on both the northern and southern sides of the road.
- Removal of the existing left turn slip lane westbound from Rochestown Avenue onto Pottery and implementation of a signalised 3-arm junction at this location with rationalised and shorter crossings points for pedestrians
- Upgrading of existing signalised junctions to provide safer pedestrian and cycle crossings including junctions with Pottery Road, Sallynoggin Road, Johnstown Road, Rochestown Park and Granitefield.
- New pedestrian crossings provided at the entrance to Grangewood, Sefton, Pearse Park, eastern end of Pearse Park and Glenview.
- Safer pedestrian crossing across all the access roads along the scheme with high-quality surfaces free of trip hazards and removed level differences between pedestrian areas.
- a shared pedestrian and cycling path with new public lighting across Pearse Park.

The scheme ties in at the western end with proposed DLRCC DL Central Active Travel Scheme at the junction between Rochestown Avenue and Kill Avenue, and at the eastern end with the existing layout at the Graduate Roundabout.

The total length of the proposed development is 2.2km of road surface.

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 Revision 2 (September 2023) prepared by AECOM Ireland Limited 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.

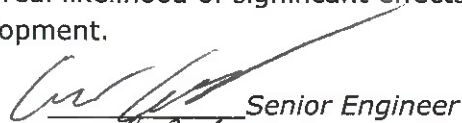


It is considered that the EIA Screening Report Revision 2 (September 2023) contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment having regard to the foregoing and in particular to:

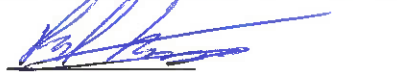
- The characteristics of the proposed development
- The location of the proposed development
- The types and characteristics of potential impacts
- Cumulation of effects with those arising from other existing and/or proposed projects
- Measures to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment
- The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (by AECOM Ireland Limited) 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.

Signature

 Senior Engineer

Signatory (Approved Officer)



Date

05/09/2023

