



Planning Authority's Determination Statement on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening of the Tralee-Bawnboy Greenway (an amendment to the approved 11km Tralee-Fenit Greenway).

EIA Screening Determination Statement

It is noted that the EIA Screening Report dated July 2020 has been carried out giving full consideration to the plans and particulars of the proposed project and associated works and to the EIA Directive (85/337/EEC) codified by Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (EIA Directive). In particular, regard was had to Article 4, Annex I, II/IIa and III as amended, which set out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA and specifically to the EU (Roads Act 1993) (EIA)(Amendment) Regulations 2019.

Following the EIA screening it has been determined that the proposed project and associated works would not be likely to have a significant effect on the environment. The project should not be subject to an EIA and/or the preparation of an EIAR.

Features and/or Measures to Avoid/Prevent Significant Effects

Overall, as outlined in the aforementioned EIA Screening Report impacts or effects of the project are considered to be minor in nature and do not pose a significant adverse effect on the environment. Features/measures to avoid/prevent significant effects relate to:

- a pre-construction badger survey and compliance with an application to NPWS for disturbance of a badger sett.


Reason for the Determination:

- The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected were not deemed sensitive to the nature, scale or location of the proposed project,
- The nature and scale of the works required to facilitate the construction of the project within a relatively intact former railway line and a greenfield site are not complex or technically difficult to achieve and significant effects were not identified to any environmental sensitive receptor, and
- Finally, no in combination or cumulative impacts were identified between this project and/or the previously assessed and approved Tralee to Fenit Greenway or other proposed/foreseeable projects/plans. The amendment to the permitted route is minor in nature, is located in lands of low ecological value/low environmental sensitivity.



It is considered that the report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment from project. The assessment as reported is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Signed



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