



**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination for proposed
Local Authority Development**

Project Name: Quiet Streets, Drynam

Description:

The Scheme aims to enhance access for cyclists and pedestrians by restricting through traffic for motor vehicles at the junction of Feltrim Road and Drynam Heath/Green. The scheme includes the installation of physical barriers in the form of bollards and planters, effectively creating a cul-de-sac that allows only cyclist's and pedestrian access from Feltrim Road. This development aligns with Fingal County Council's ongoing efforts to promote sustainable travel, reduce traffic-related impacts and improve connectivity within residential areas. The works are part of the Council's broader commitment to improving local road safety, active travel infrastructure, and air quality in the vicinity.

The works proposed as part of the scheme include:

Feltrim Road / Drynam Heath Junction:

- Installation of bollards creating a cul-de-sac that allows only cyclist's and pedestrian access from Feltrim Road.
- Signage will be implemented to guide pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

Fingal County Council will be providing regulatory traffic signs in accordance with Section 95 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (as amended).

Legislative Context:

The key legislative provisions of relevance to the EIA screening exercise are as follows:

- Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (the 'EIA Directive');
- Roads Act 1993 to 2021 (the 'Roads Act 1993');
- Road Traffic Act 1961;
- Road Traffic Act 1994;
- Roads Regulations 1994 (S.I. No. 119/1994) and Roads (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 486/2019);
- European Union (Roads Act 1993) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 279 of 2019);
- Planning and Development Act 2000-2023 (the 'PDA 2000');
- Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2023, (the 'PDR 2001').

Screening Report:

The EIA screening assessment for the proposed traffic calming measures at Drynam, Swords, Co. Dublin was conducted in accordance with Irish legislation, including the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, the Roads Act 1993, and the EIA Directive.

Key Findings

- The proposed development does not fall within any of the categories requiring mandatory EIA under Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.
- The scale and nature of the works (installation of bollards and planters to create a cul-de-sac) are minor and do not meet thresholds for sub-threshold EIA screening.
- The project does not involve significant construction, realignment, or widening of roads, nor does it include a motorway, busway, or large-scale urban development.
- The site is not within or directly connected to any European (Natura 2000) sites or other protected ecological areas, reducing the potential for significant environmental effects.
- A Preliminary Examination concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant environmental effects, and therefore EIA is not required.

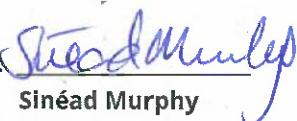
Conclusion

The proposed traffic calming scheme is small in scale, unlikely to cause significant environmental impact, and does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). However, the project will still be subject to standard planning and environmental considerations.

Determination:

In conclusion, the proposed development of a Filtered Permeability Scheme at the junction of Feltrim Road and Drynam Heath/Green, Swords Co. Dublin, does not trigger the requirement for a mandatory EIA under the EIA Directive or the 2001 Regulations. The scale, nature, and location of the development are such that it is not likely to have significant effects on the environment. As a result, an EIA is not deemed necessary.

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