

EIA Screening Report

Ecological and Amenity Improvement Scheme at Ormond Castle Park, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary

Introduction

The EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, aims to determine the likely significant effects of a project on the environment. EIA Screening determines whether an EIA is required for a specified project.

Where a development meets or exceeds the thresholds set out under Schedule 5 (Part 1 and Part 2) mandatory EIA is required and, as such, there is no screening determination required. Where a development is of a class included for in Schedule 5 but is sub threshold the development shall be subject to a preliminary examination and if required, screening, to determine if it would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

The Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment (August 2018) state;

Where, based on a **preliminary examination** of the information submitted with the application and any other supplementary information received, the competent authority concludes that, having considered the nature, size and location of the proposed development, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment, this should be recorded with reasons for this conclusion stated, and no EIA required or formal determination made. The recording of the competent authority's view should be brief and concise, but adequate to inform the public. In many cases this considered view will be included in the planner's/inspector's report on the planning application and this may be cross-referenced in the competent authority's decision. Normally, this will be published at the time of the decision of the competent authority.

Where, based on the information submitted with the application and any other supplementary information received, and having considered the nature, size and location of the proposed development in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 7 to the 2001 Regulations, **there is a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment, the competent authority must determine that an EIA is required.** The main reasons for this determination should be recorded.

Where, based on the information submitted with the application and any other supplementary information received, the competent authority, having considered the nature, size and location of the proposed development in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 7 to the 2001 Regulations, forms the view that there is **significant and realistic doubt** in regard to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment, the competent authority **must proceed to a further examination to determine whether EIA is required.** This requires the applicant to submit the information specified in **Schedule 7A** to the 2001 Regulations in order to facilitate a formal screening determination.

In the event that a formal screening assessment is required the Lead Section may need to engage the services of an appropriately qualified consultant to assist with same.

This EIA Screening Report has been prepared to assist the Lead Section in;

Step 1

Recording whether the project is of a class of development requiring EIA (Pre Screening).

Step 2

Considering by way of a preliminary examination if there is a likelihood of significant effects on the environment,

Step 3

Where necessary, undertaking a more detailed examination, based on the information specified in Schedule 7A in order to reach a formal screening determination.

Step 1 - Pre-Screening

<p>Part 8 Ref:</p>	<p>Ecological and Amenity Improvement Scheme at Ormond Castle Park, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary</p>
<p>Site location:</p>	<p>Ormond Castle Park, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary - The site is located at the eastern side of the town of Carrick-on-Suir in Co. Tipperary. The site is public parkland, is traversed by public footpaths and adjoins the River Suir to the South. The roughly triangular-shaped park extends to 1.72ha.</p> <div data-bbox="678 712 1316 1460" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>This report is accompanied by AA Screening.</p>
<p>Proposed Development:</p>	<p>The main purpose of the project is to carry out improvement to the existing public park, with a focus on biodiversity and ecological enhancement and with careful consideration given to the historical significance of the park and its association with the medieval town. The overall aim of the project is for discrete improvement measures, including planting, seating, footpath improvement etc to the park to enhance its amenity, functionality and management.</p>

1. Does the Development constitute a class of development requiring EIA having regard to Schedule 5 of the Regulations?		Having regard to the size, location and nature of the proposal, the proposed development does not constitute a class of development requiring EIA having regard to Schedule 5 of the Regulations.		
2. If YES, is the development meeting or exceeding a threshold set out in Part 1 or Part 2, Schedule 5 of the Planning & Development Regulations?				
Tick		Threshold	Comment	Result
No	X			No EIA or Screening for is EIA Required
		Exceeds/		
		Is Equal To		
		No Threshold		
		Sub Threshold		
Conclusion				
Development is not within Part 1 or Part 2, Schedule 5. No EIA/Screening is required.				X
Development is within Part 1 or Part 2 and is greater than, equal to, or there is no threshold. EIA Required.				
Development is within Part 1 or Part 2 but is less than the threshold. EIA Screening Required.				
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If the proposed development is not of a class requiring EIA it is not necessary to proceed to steps 2 and 3. The pre-screening exercise should be signed, printed and placed on the Part 8 file.